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# PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

## TO THE 100TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

*Adyar, December 21, 1975*

NOVEMBER 17 is behind us. Although we may still learn almost indefinitely more and more of what has been given us since the corner of the veil was lifted by Madame Blavatsky one hundred years ago, and of course it could not be considered any waste of time, were we to spend our energies in acquainting ourselves further with this background, if Theosophy is effectively to bridge the centuries, we have to look ahead and try to find out how best to meet the challenge of tomorrow.

When one looks at the Theosophical Society around the world today, one can point to certain things which stand in the way of its fuller success and several things are worthy of mention here, in so far as they affect every one of us in our work; things which are essential in our lives if we are to be balanced members of the Society and good ambassadors for it before the world. These are things which we consider often enough and read about, but do not sufficiently carry out in our lives.

When, for instance, we speak to anyone who is an expert on a subject about which we only know a little, it becomes clear to him very soon that we are not at all well versed in that subject. It is probably true that the level of our theosophical knowledge is not as high as it might be, indicating that a deeper study

of Theosophy is required of us if we are to represent this Society to others in a manner likely to cause them to feel that we are knowers of our special philosophy.

It is not sufficient when one has read only one or two books to think that one is able to present the fullness of the theosophical philosophy. So more study, *real* study—not just reading, but reading and pausing and thinking and considering—a far deeper form of study is required from nearly every one of us. And here it is worthwhile mentioning that Theosophy does, in a sense indeed, stand alone. It is not a copy of anything else; it is not just another chapter in the life of one or other of the great religious faiths of the world, or one of the great philosophies of the world. It stands alone and unique and it should be the effort of every member of our Society to understand this for himself or for herself, and not to make a mixture of his or her own faith and Theosophy, and so lose sight of the uniqueness of the wisdom, some portion of which was given to the world again through Madame Blavatsky by Those who stood behind her.

And so we need to know; and it is, then, with both forethought and hope that towards the latter half of next year, the International Centre for Theosophical Study will be inaugurated here at Adyar. The intention behind this centre is obvious

and it is to be hoped that members from far and wide will be sufficiently interested to take advantage of the courses offered. These will include, besides a comprehensive review of the basic principles of Theosophy as they have been given to us since the earliest days, the history of the development of the Movement and considerable emphasis on that way of life which we may call *theosophical* which leads on from the discipline of the outer being to the realization of that inner life which so many do not as yet experience.

This is, in truth, an aspect of the work for brotherhood that the Society espoused a hundred years ago, for although the attainment of peace and harmony amongst men in an exoteric sense is still our very great concern, our work is enormously more effective when we are able to transcend the intellectual appreciation of brotherhood and realize within our own consciousness, (which may be, at least, on the fringe if not at the centre of that unity—if one may put it in such a materialistic manner) that the brotherhood, not only of all men, but of all life, is a fact in nature.

To those who have opened up this realm of realization within themselves, the world must ever present a picture quite other than the one that you and I mostly know, and conscious action taken by such persons will always be in the direction of helpfulness to their neighbours. It is for this reason that I believe that the work of the Theosophical Order of Service may be greatly expanded in all the national sections, for channels of valuable, necessary or useful work can be opened up best by those of whom it might be said that they cannot help giving their loving service towards their fellowmen. On a physical plane level, such preparations need to be made ready for the use of the growing number of our members who are beginning to understand that Theosophy on

the mental plane is not enough, and that practical expression must be given to it at all levels where human beings operate. Some will find their own channels of expression, but many will naturally gravitate towards co-operative efforts.

At the same time, and as the inevitable concomitant of this outer activity and more important still, is the change in the life, the attitude, the perceptiveness that has to come about in each of us.

Some of you may recall that many years ago, Mr. J. Krishnamurti spoke very challengingly to a large audience around a campfire at Ommen in Holland. And these are some of his words. They are mostly phrased in questions which, I believe, every one of us should be putting to himself.

—"You must ask yourself what you have done."

That is a very pertinent and deep question. Let us all point at ourselves. What have we done? We can expand that idea and most of us will feel, I am sure, that we have not done enough. And then he asks:

—"How many people have you made happy, not in the passing things, but in the ways of the Eternal?"

How many people have you or I made happy?

—"How far has it been your ambition to lead someone to that Kingdom of Happiness, that garden where there is unchanging light, and unchanging beauty?"

How far have I been concerned to lead people to the Kingdom of Happiness; how far have you been concerned to do so, and what do we mean by that word "concerned"? It means a deep inner urge that motivates our lives, so that we can then truly say, "I cannot help doing what I am doing, because this is the real thing. This is what has to be." How many of us really feel that so deeply,

that all through our life, in all our contacts, in the office, in the home, on the street, we are really deeply concerned to bring happiness to others?

—"Have you," he asks, "any of you, tasted Eternity?"

One wonders how often we are concerned even to think about tasting Eternity. We give in all too readily to the dictates of time. And perhaps all too rarely do we consider the truer values which pertain to the Eternal. And then he asks again:

—"Are any of you happy?"

How difficult to answer that. What does he mean by happiness? Obviously, he does not mean the mere passing satisfactions of life. He must mean something of that deeper peace, that deeper sense of balance, of rhythm, of rest, of stillness which is to be found only in one's own heart, and it is when we are in that stillness that we begin to know what true happiness is. Is not this what he means? And so he asks:

—"How many of you have felt so deeply that you could throw yourself into the place of the person who is suffering?"

Here again is a tremendously challenging question. We pass people on the street without looking twice at them. People come and talk to us about their problems. We all have that experience. Sometimes our tendency is to try to get rid of the person. We think we have more time for somebody else and not for that particular person's sorrows. Sometimes of course we must use our discrimination, but how often do we really take the trouble when we *do* have the time? Do we try to put ourselves in the position of that person and really make an effort to understand that his suffering—because he is part of the One Life which he shares with us—is ours too, and, therefore, somehow we have a responsibility towards that person to try, with him and

through him, to alleviate something of the great suffering of the world. It is both challenging and very difficult. He says:

—"What have you done with your days?" And then a very telling statement—"You give me phrases and cover my Truth with your words."

Truth is indefinable, but we understand here what is meant. We are concerned so often to make excuses; the excuses of time for not doing the things which pertain to the Eternal. And I feel, that it is tremendously necessary for each one of us individually to enter into this deeper understanding of life. What are we expected to achieve, and to what extent have we done it?

I am sure that Krishnaji, when he is speaking, is not talking about our outer world accomplishments—or the lack of them—but of that deep inner change which has to come in you and me. It is more or less impossible to describe such things in themselves, but we may apprehend something perhaps by the expressions to which that change gives rise in the lives of those who are indeed awake and aware.

Everyone, for instance, becomes our friend and there is no distinction at all between caste and colour, race and creed, although, where friendly action is concerned, we can never be entirely free of the responsibility for exercising discrimination in the use of the energies at our disposal. Your smile, my smile, which we do not restrict any longer only to a few friends, is a smile not only of the lips, but a smile of the eyes and is offered to all. The person who is really awake inside, does not restrict those things in his contacts with his friends.

There will be a real change in relation to one's minding about oneself—little concern for the praise of others and still less for the opinions of the multitude—



a freedom resulting from the knowledge that no one can do anything at all to you but that you alone are indeed the "dispenser of glory or gloom" to yourself. No one can touch *you*. They can laugh at your ideas, they might hurt your feelings, they might injure you physically, but they cannot touch *you*. Only you can do something about yourself. Cheerfully then, and released from fear, such a person accepts this total responsibility for his own future. And we in the Theosophical Movement should be doing that. I wonder if I ask the question: Do you see the point? Am I making myself clear? I address myself of course in saying this. Do you see the real point here? Why should we put off to tomorrow or to some other life, that most supreme of experiences which could be attained by us if we really tried?

For this is why we exist. What other reason is there for this great evolutionary process? It is the *raison d'être* for our life and our living, that we shall come to these deep inner understandings and realizations and be able eventually to help every other to the same deeper experience. Do you feel (if I address you, it is only for simplification—it is not that I am not addressing myself) at this very minute that you belong to everyone you meet—do you feel that in this big concourse of members? Everyone of us should be able to feel that he belongs to everyone else, that there are no barriers of any kind at all between any of us, and that there is, what we might call, the melting of man into man. If we could achieve this in the nucleus of our gatherings, how greatly could the world be affected by us, when we go home. If something could be born in us in terms of a real, deep realization, such as we may experience, at this very moment, of the Oneness which unites us all, when we go home we shall never lose it. That

which has happened within us, which is real, can never be lost. Look now then, at your next door neighbour (if you actually wish to look at him—do so). Look at your next door neighbour, I will look at mine, and see him or her as you have never seen him or her before. Usually we just see the exterior and we stop there, but we have to try to see the inside. He should be the dearest of the dear to us. If I look at the man next to me, I have to say to myself, "Is he the dearest of the dear to me?" And should he not be, in terms of the real, deep meaning of brotherhood which is not just the horizontal social thing that we are accustomed to? It is something much more. Is your neighbour one to whom your spirit can give itself wholly in love? Can you each look at your neighbour and feel the deepest love? Because that is eventually what we have to do; because one day the love which we now share with only a few must become the love for all! Why should we wait? Why should we not try to experience this now?

Will you surround this neighbour with light and love, not because you feel you should do so, but because you can do no other since he is none other but you in another garb? Can you realize that there is not, nor can there be, any happiness more completely fulfilling than this letting go of the machinery of the mind, so that the life which is universally present may flow through each in rich abundance? Any reservation now is but a personal reaction based on some concealed fear, but if we do not succeed in going beyond the mind we shall never understand. The mind can be a cruel, tyrannical master, but when harnessed to the intent of that which lies beyond, it can become the inestimably useful and efficient means whereby the inner reality may express itself effectively in suitable forms.

But many of the forms that surround us and bind us, because of the conditioning of our past, do need to be broken down—once again with discrimination—so that the flow of life can lead to a condition of continuing “happening” in our lives. As soon as we put any barrier in the way, that flow cannot come through us and such barriers are put in the way all too often by the little things which we have not yet taken the trouble to deal with in our lives. These things have to be looked at again now, so that each member of our Theosophical Society becomes a cleaner, purer, deeper, more continuing channel for the light which comes from the centre of all things—that it may reach through you and me into this world of sorrow and despair by which we are surrounded.

One may follow rules, as many do, for such disciplines are in no way bad in themselves and can be helpful. Many are doing regular meditation, but perhaps not in the fullness of their understanding of it and somehow do not manage to release that indwelling life. It is absolutely essential that one has to live the teaching and not just know it. It has to be put into practice in our lives and not left in a book. In fact, one only really does know the teaching as it becomes increasingly a part of one's life. Open to new influence! Once again discrimination dictates that we distinguish what comes from the emotional field alone as against that of union. The joy at a high level of the emotional field is not unreal. Although for most of us it would be a marvellous experience, it is not at all the same as the experience that may be defined among theosophists as Buddhist.

This inner attitude can become a new way of life for each of us: it can become that in us, but it depends upon each one whether it does so or not. It causes us to look at the manner in which we conduct our business or run our home.

It is not, if real, in any way restricted to particular times or places, but becomes a constant in every thought and action of our normal living.

*Open your light to each other's light!* Does that mean something to you? It can mean something to you if you think about it. Open your light to each other's light, and this convention and this meeting, here and now, can become the most intense, the most penetrating and the most freedom-bringing moment of your lives.

I would suggest and hope that during this convention we are not, therefore, only listening with our minds to all the interesting things we shall hear, but that we are somehow going deeper at all times within ourselves in our contacts with each other. So that every time we meet our brother, as we meet him 100 times a day, in our heart there is welling up the understanding: he is my brother, this man, this woman, I love. And if all of us as a group can come into that unity of deep, wise compassion for all living things, then this convention can go down in the history of the Theosophical Society as a turning point in which the members of the Society made the greatest effort, not only to know their philosophy which is so necessary, but to live it before the world in contact with everyone.

It is simplicity that we need, not complication. A right perspective to see people and take them as they are; a right awareness of what we are doing and of why we say things and why we do things. A quest for one's own reality where deeper experiences are always new, and the right action towards all people and all things. Be yourself, whilst aspiring beyond yourself with a pure heart, with compassion, with purpose—unswerving purpose, and with ecstasy and peace. All life seems to be a process of becoming for us, whilst nevertheless mysteriously being

the One. Let yourself go—feel the flow of nature, God expressing himself in the trees, in the stones and in the creatures by which we are surrounded; feel the flow of nature, that restless power of God expressing itself, in you and in me and in everything else, for that is the only thing that is. That is what makes us, that is what causes us to be here, that is what expresses this life at the highest levels into which we are seeking to enter. What does the Banyan tree tell us? Can it not speak? Can it not communicate to us some wonderful feeling of diversity in unity or something of that kind? Each beauty of nature has something to tell a person whose heart is open to hear, and I hope that during this convention all our hearts at all times will be open to hear.

Go with the wind. Why go with the wind? The wind is a wonderful example for us because it is not concerned with itself particularly; the wind is not concerned with where it came from, nor particularly interested in where it is going. What it is interested in, is the actual moment itself; it is interested in the life that imbues it: it is interested in the going itself. Can we be more aware of the life in the moment and then, though we should have ideals and though we cannot forget all the past, dwell less in those things of time, but more in the actual moment that is for ever now? For it is in that moment—if we divorce it from the thoughts that come from the past or the future—which is free and in which we *know*, that the greatest amount of life will be able to flow through us for the service of the world. We have to go, each one of us to the destiny of tomorrow valiantly to face whatever we have created for ourselves.

Now, at the close of the meeting where Krishnaji spoke the words that I have quoted earlier, his voice suddenly changed

and a deep hush fell over the whole gathering as he uttered the following words which seem to me to have a wonderfully beautiful and enduring message for all men. These words are just as real for you and me today, just as deep, just as full of life, as they were for the listeners in that camp in the 1920's. Here they are:

"I belong. . ." The *I* is what? The *I* is the Oneness speaking—the consciousness of unity and love.

"I belong to all people, to all who really love; to all who are suffering.

And if you would walk, you must walk with me.

If you would understand, you must look through my mind.

If you would feel, you must look through my heart.

And because I really love, I want you to love.

Because I really feel, I want you to feel.

Because I hold everything dear, I want you to hold all things dear.

Because I want to protect, you should protect.

And this is the only life worth living, and the only Happiness worth possessing."

Let us remain for a few moments in the silence of those words.

*United States.*—The resignation of the National President, Miss Joy Mills, on her appointment as International Vice-President, resulted in the National Vice-President, Mrs. Ann Wylie, holding the office of National President for the remaining ten months.

In May 1975, Mrs. Dora Kunz was elected National President. At this time, the membership stood at 5,743. Much field work was successfully carried out during the year. The Department of Education has continued to expand as the need is so urgent. There has been a 41% increase in the department's loans



of tape-visuals and films. In January, a new film produced for the section by Hartley Productions, "The Universal Flame," was released and has since been in great demand. Seminars and workshops for the benefit of members have been successfully carried out.

The Kern Foundation has given valuable support by granting partial scholarships to members otherwise unable to attend seminars.

Mrs. Gool Minwalla, of Pakistan, was guest speaker in the Camp programmes in some of which Miss Joy Mills also participated.

The Quest Radio Series, another activity of this Department started in 1973, has recorded increased interest with some 26 stations using tapes in 49 broadcasts during the spring of 1975.

The Olcott Library and Research Centre reports circulation much as last year. *The American Theosophist* has printed over 60,000 copies, an increase of 3,000 over last year. *Discovery*, a four-page publication, has a subscription list of 7,500.

The T.P.H. (Wheaton) sales increased during the year; 17 new books have been released and the sales value of Quest Book stock reached \$ 388,584.

In September, 1974, an International Publishing Conference was held at Olcott presided over by Miss Joy Mills and attended by the managers of T.P.H. Adyar and London and the manager of the Vasanta Press at Adyar. Many important plans were developed.

In December, 1974, the National President, Mrs. Ann Wylie, and three members travelled to India to attend the 99th International Convention at Varanasi, the Indian Section Headquarters.

Preparations for the Centenary World Congress were continued under the chairmanship of Miss Joy Mills in co-operation with the newly elected National President,

Mrs. Dora Kunz. The Kern Foundation has undertaken many new programmes for the dissemination of the theosophical philosophy.

The staff at Wheaton comprising 35 resident and 26 non-resident individuals has worked closely with the National President and National Secretary and have been warmly thanked for their devotion and hard work.

*England.*—The General Secretary, Miss Ianthe Hoskins, reports a satisfactory overall picture but remarks that there are few people available to contribute to new programmes of activity. Residential weekends have been arranged during the year at Tekels Park, the section's estate near London. On November 17th, a special members' meeting was arranged at Headquarters to mark the inauguration of the Centenary year. The Theosophical Publishing House, London, reports a good year with greater interest in theosophical books. The membership stand at 2,313, an increase of 43.

*India.*—The expansion programme in the north-west has been in the hands of Dr. Mullik, bringing Theosophy to many to whom it was previously unknown. The national lecturer, Mr. S. Krishnamurthy, has toured extensively, drawing large audiences for his lectures.

Throughout the year, Centenary celebrations have been conducted enthusiastically throughout the section. In this connection, special mention should be made of the inauguration of these celebrations at Adyar by His Excellency Thiru K. K. Shah, Governor of Tamil Nadu, on 17th November, 1974, and also the celebrations at Delhi, Varanasi and Bangalore. Many were arranged around November 17th, 1975, and one in Bombay in early December, attended by a large number of members returning from New York and London.

A large number of books and pamphlets have been brought out during the year. A new edition of the handbook with information about the Society and the Indian section has been compiled, and a number of translations into vernaculars were published.

The International President, Mr. John B. S. Coats, and the Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, were able to visit many places in the section during the year and together with many other lecturers have aroused considerable interest.

A very special mention must be made of the passing away of the Assistant General Secretary, Mr. Krishnamacharyulu. He will be missed by the section as he gave untiring services to our Lodges and members for years. May we remember him as a stalwart theosophist ever ready in the service of the cause of Theosophy.

During the year, 1,714 new members joined giving a grand total of 9,263 which is an unprecedented increase of 1,093—an excellent result.

*Australia.*—The General Secretary, Mrs. E. Murdoch, writes of the difficulties experienced at the time of the annual convention held in Perth, West Australia, due to local strikes, and to the cancellation of the visit of the guest speaker, Mrs. Gool Minwalla, through death in the family. Mr. William Ross, national lecturer, took over at short notice, speaking to the same titles. The lodges report increased activity in many fields. The section has revised the tape library. Tapes can now be borrowed for use in lodges. The weekly radio broadcast sessions have continued and these brought in requests for scripts and information on Theosophy. The bookshops in the many lodges report record sales and this is equally so in the Quest Book Agency—some 11,000 books having been sold. The work has been rewarding and worthwhile. Membership now stands

at 1,630, a decrease of 203 over last year.

*Sweden.*—The General Secretary, Mr. Curt Berg, stresses the importance of the summer schools in the work of the section when most members could actively participate. Lecturers have been exchanged between the Scandinavian sections during the year. This year, in addition to the usual work, an extensive presentation of Theosophy and the Society was shown in two exhibitions on the activities of various societies. The celebrations for the Centenary, too, have occupied an important place in the programme. The membership stands, at the end of the year, at 335.

*New Zealand.*—The attendance at meetings has generally increased and the theosophical films have drawn large audiences. Wide use has been made of the news media to advertise Theosophy and the magazine *Theosophy in New Zealand* has increased its circulation. The Talking Books of Mr. Geoffrey Hodson are selling in good numbers throughout the world.

There has been an increase in membership this year of 104, giving a total membership of 1,359.

*The Netherlands.*—The General Secretary, Drs. H. M. Brandt, reports that the membership of the section stands at 1,107, approximately the same as last year. No summer school has been held this year because the International Theosophical Centre at Huizen was celebrating its Golden Jubilee in July with an International Week. All the meetings for the Society's Centenary were well attended.

*France.*—Well-attended lectures were given bi-monthly at the headquarters in Paris and the General Secretary continued his weekly course on Theosophy. Theosophical work has flourished at centres in Marseilles, Nice, Cannes, Lyon,

Grenoble, Orleans and Rouen. A new lodge has been opened at Pointe Noire in the Popular Republic of Congo, bringing the number of lodges in the French section to 44 (an increase of two), with an increase in membership of 65 to 1,377. Monsieur Salomon Lancri continues as General Secretary.

*Italy.*—Two new centres have been formed with very active youth participation. The net increase in membership was 20 bringing the total to 639, of whom 296 have joined during the last four years. The 61st national convention took place near Bologna in June with about 100 participants. A petition was submitted to the Italian embassy in New Delhi by the International President, Mr. John Coats, requesting the Italian Government for permission to incorporate the Theosophical Society in Italy giving it recognition in Italian law and making it possible for the Society to acquire some pending inheritances.

*Germany.*—The membership remained stable at 310. The section held its centenary celebrations at Hotel Kurhaus in Bad Homburg vor der Höhe from 2nd to 8th August. Two hundred people attended. The Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, who lectured at the convention, presented the first copy of the special centenary publication, *The Universal Flame*, to the retiring General Secretary, Frau Anneliese Stephan, from whose original idea the book came to be written. The convention elected Herr Siegfried Kuska as the new General Secretary for Germany.

*Cuba.*—During the year there have been 19 new members and 7 resignations. Circular letters have been sent to all members to keep them in touch with the work. The Federation is planning to issue a Spanish edition of *The Abridgement of The Secret Doctrine*. The section building has been repaired and re-decorated as part of the Centenary work. The General

Secretary, Sr. Juan Bautista Rodriguez, has kept members up to date in these works by circular letters. The construction of a Centenary Terrace Garden is under way and the announcement of this has been enthusiastically received by all members, some of whom are lending needful help.

*Finland.*—Public lectures have been given regularly at 10 locations; 156 members attended the summer school at Kreivila; spring and autumn get-togethers were also very successful. The publishing of new translations has been going ahead, including a selection of articles from *The Universal Flame* under the title of *Theosophy and the Changing World*. A large legacy received during 1975 is expected to facilitate greatly the work of the section. Membership stands at 466, an increase of 4 over last year.

*South Africa.*—Most Lodges report new members but the total membership now stands at 395, a loss of nine for the year. The General Secretary, Mrs. A. Bishoff, writes that there is more life in the whole movement and great interest particularly in Quest Books. The film "The Universal Flame" was well received and shown in several Lodges.

*Scotland.*—There are only four lodges in this section and, as in all small sections, difficulty has been experienced in finding enough local lecturers and study leaders. Tape recordings have been borrowed from the English section to help in this.

A new venture has been started in Aberdeen where a meditation group has been instituted not only for members but for other groups in the city.

During the period of the Edinburgh festival the lodge there held an exhibition entitled "Symbolism, its Esoteric Content." This met with considerable success and there was a considerable degree of interest shown by the local people in the activities of the lodge.

The number of members stands at 101 showing an increase of 5.

*Switzerland.*—Membership increased by 7 to 240, though the number of lodges decreased by 1. The annual convention was held in Basle with about 45 persons attending. The General Secretary, Mr. Georges Tripet, in his role as president of the organizing committee for the Huizen Centre Jubilee, visited Holland many times during the year. The Meyer Fund continued to collaborate generously in the publication of books and in supporting the young theosophists and other T.S. groups.

*Belgium.*—During the past year the Belgian section has experienced unexpected difficulties, including the resignation of the General Secretary in November 1974, resulting in the Administrative Board having to face the task of settling an awkward situation. The usual activities of the section have, however, continued regularly with the founding of one new lodge and with the preparations for the Centenary celebrations and representation at the World Congress and at the International Convention at Adyar. The membership stands at 271, an increase of 12.

*Indonesia.*—The report from Mr. R. S. Soejatno is one in which he stresses the difficulties and problems of the Society in a predominantly Moslem country. Most of the lodges have a weekly meeting and an official monthly magazine is published from Jakarta.

The Indonesian Presidential Agency states that the lack of books in Indonesian is a hindrance to progress but that unfortunately there has been lack of support for those books published with the aid of the Non-English Publications Loan Fund.

The membership stands at 761: there is an increase of 34 members.

*Burma.*—With six lodges and a membership of 80, this small section has had an

increase of 33% which is encouraging and deserving of praise for the workers. The General Secretary, U Kyaw Sein, reports that there is still much work ahead to bring about the reality of brotherhood and to make it a fact in our lives.

*Austria.*—A new branch was started at Dornbirn in western Austria, and membership throughout the section shows a slight increase. The regional summer school was held at Pichl, and the official Centenary celebrations of the Austrian section took place in Vienna on 15th and 16th November. Four titles were published by the Adyar-Verlag, and sales of theosophical literature in German have almost doubled since last year. The number of members is 241, an increase of 4.

*Norway.* The magazine *Teosofi i Norden* became a purely Norwegian-Swedish undertaking as the Danish section started its own periodical. Mrs. Hilda Fraser was elected General Secretary, taking over from Mrs. Ruth Wessel-Nielsen in September 1975. Membership now stands at 138. The section has been working steadily and peacefully throughout the year.

*Denmark.* No report has been given but a translation of the laws of the Danish section has been prepared and received. During the year, members' meetings were arranged at Gammel Praestegaard, the section's estate, and were well attended.

*Canada.*—Mr. Ted Davy, General Secretary, reports a satisfactory year with a visit from Mr. Geoffrey Farthing, former General Secretary of England. The latest Quest film "The Universal Flame" was purchased and is now on free loan throughout Canada. The membership still stands at 312.

*Argentina.*—Two camps were held at the beginning of the year, and the annual convention was held in Rosario at Easter. Good attendances were reported.

National speakers visited several cities and everywhere publicity was made through the press, television and radio. Book sales reached record figures during the first six months. The Inter-American Theosophical Federation conducted a doctrinary congress in Buenos Aires with delegates from Brazil, Uruguay, Bolivia and Paraguay. Three new lodges received their charters, though one lodge went into dissolution. Membership, reports General Secretary Juan Viñas, has grown by 82 to 801, a particularly large increase.

*Chile.*—Lectures continue to be given at the Society's quarters in Santiago and Valparaiso. The section decided to affiliate with the Inter-American Federation. Membership is rising despite an unstable political situation. The number of members stands at 56. The name of the new General Secretary is Señora Raquel Escobado de Modrow.

*Brazil.*—The General Secretary, Senhor Murillo Nunes de Avezedo, reports an increase of 26% compared with last year, representing 290 new members. There has also been an increase in attendance at meetings in Rio de Janeiro, a great number of the people being young and with an university degree.

There is a renewed vitality throughout the section where work on comparative religion has even been supported by the Roman Catholic Church. This has been aided by the translation and publication of several classic theosophical books.

*Wales.*—The General Secretary, Mr. Charles James, reports a full year of work with a good increase of members after years of decline. The membership now stands at 103, an increase of 26. A new centre has been formed on the Isle of Anglesea with 8 members. The Welsh section is going into the work of the second century with an enthusiasm unexpected a few years ago.

*Yugoslavia.*—Mrs. Mila Grubacevic, General Secretary, reports that there has been an increase in membership of 13. The four lodges in the section meet either weekly or fortnightly.

An important contribution to the work has been carried out by two translators. Since most theosophical books are printed only in English this is very necessary and contributes greatly to the spreading of Theosophy.

This year, the 50th for the section, the first summer school since 1966 was held in a beautiful mountain area with 36 participants. The Young Theosophists are active and publish a magazine entitled *Mladi Teozof*.

*Greece.*—Mr. G. Melissaropoulos reports the publication of a translation of *Talks on the Path of Occultism*.

*Central America.*—The General Secretary, Señorita Pilar Madrigal Nieto, reports having visited all the lodges in Panama and Central America.

*Philippines.*—Mrs. Cleo Gregorio, the General Secretary, writes that the activities in the section have been oriented to group study work rather than lectures and this is proving more attractive.

There has been a small but steady increase in membership which now stands at 291. Two new lodges have been chartered. The translations of *The Key to Theosophy* and *Talks on the Path of Occultism* have been completed and a third translation of *Light on the Path* is nearly complete.

The two theosophical films "How Many Lifetimes?" and "The Universal Flame" have been purchased and shown several times. Greater use has been made of the National Library with scholars from different colleges coming for research. There has been a good sale of theosophical books at the bookshop, now re-named "Book Centre."



*Colombia.*—Sra. Julia B. de Martinez, the General Secretary, reports intensification of effort in working groups. The membership shows a slight decline and now stands at 138.

*East and Central Africa.*—Mr. H. M. Chhaya, the General Secretary, reports a trend of transfers to other sections particularly the United Kingdom, but in spite of this there has been an increase of 69.

The highlight of the year was the visit in March of the International President, Mr. John B. S. Coats. He was interviewed on Zambian TV and also gave public lectures.

Books and Centenary souvenirs suitably inscribed have been donated to the University of Zambia, the Speakers' Library of the Zambian Parliament and elsewhere. The 25th annual convention held for the first time in Lusaka, Zambia, was presided over by the Mayor of Lusaka, Councillor L. Mulimba, who subsequently joined the Society.

*Pakistan.*—The Presidential Agent for Pakistan, Mrs. Gool Minwalla, reports that the main activities are centred in Karachi and Hyderabad where regular meetings for members were held.

In October, the International President, Mr. John B. S. Coats, visited the Karachi Lodge for five days for the Centenary celebrations. He addressed a press conference which was well reported in the press. The celebrations were inaugurated by the Governor of Sind, Begum Raana Liaquat Ali Khan, at a well attended meeting.

An important activity during the year was the translation of *The Key to Theosophy* into Urdu and plans are afoot to translate other theosophical books. The library of Karachi Lodge contains 12,000 books and the Lodge has a programme of lectures and studies. There is also a good monthly news sheet.

*Canadian Federation.*—The Secretary of the Canadian Federation, Mrs. Ida Stephen, sends us the news of the destruction by fire of the building containing the Christos Lodge, Montreal, and its whole theosophical library. In spite of this, the lodge is continuing its work in the rooms of Isis lodge, the other Montreal lodge. Donations and books in both English and French have been promised. The two theosophical films "How Many Lifetimes?" and "The Universal Flame" have been shown to a young audience of around 50. All lodges report renewed vitality. The total membership stands at 152, an increase of 15.

*European Federation.*—Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith, the chairman of the European Federation, stresses the importance of communication and the misunderstanding that can arise through imperfect knowledge of the language of others. In Europe, this is a real problem, hence the division into regions—English, French, German and Scandinavian. There have been well attended summer schools in Austria, England and France.

This year all regions are drawn together in considering plans for the various regional and local Centenary celebrations but also for attending the World Congress in New York and the International Convention at Adyar.

*Adyar Library and Research Centre.*—In the 89 years since its establishment the Library has made a splendid contribution for the revival of oriental literature. Many important works and MSS have been added to the Library. Others are ready for the press, including a revised edition of Leideker's *Sanskrit Essentials of Grammar and Language*. The Adyar Library Bulletin released the special Jaina volume marking the 2,500th Paranirvana anniversary of Mahavira, last April, with contributions from 15 scholars from India and abroad.



Now in the press, is another special volume to commemorate the centenary of the Theosophical Society. In the manuscripts register 3,380 entries were made during the year. The Library records 391 readers and during the year 7,317 persons used the facilities offered. Research students from India and overseas continue to be attracted to the Library. During the year a project of preparing detailed references for journals and for books was started. Special binding assistants were employed for 5 months and 706 volumes of journals and 344 books were bound; 1,131 books were also repaired. During the year 1,711 books were received and 48 purchased. We thank all donors of books and the T.P.H., Adyar, London and Wheaton (U.S.), for continuing to send all their new publications and reprints. We are also under a similar arrangement with the Theosophical Press, Pasadena (U.S.), so that the Adyar Library receives publications from other branches of the Theosophical Movement. We have received many visitors from India and overseas. The Librarian records her thanks to Dr. V. Raghavan and Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja for their help in research.

*Archives and Museum.*—Microfilming by the Adyar Library was done of Dr. Besant's diaries from 1893 to 1932. All microfilms have been checked for deterioration and much editing has been done. Centenary booklets were prepared for both the Archives and Museum, and special articles compiled for the special numbers of *The Theosophist*. Much information has been supplied for the Centenary World Congress at New York and for the producers of a film about Col. Olcott. Many visitors from overseas have visited both the Archives and the Museum during the year.

*Centenary Preparations.*—Deserving of special mention this year is, of course,

the dedicated care that has been given to the preparation of the Adyar Centenary Convention. Throughout the year, with the special qualified assistance of a number of members from overseas, and under the special direction of the Vice-President, when present at Adyar, the resident members at our Headquarters have given thousands of hours of extra time and labour in order to ensure that the compound is ready for the influx of so many visitors. As we all know from experience, the contractors upon whom we had perforce to rely for much of the work of construction, decoration and so on, have proved on occasion temperamental—though at other times most diligent in carrying out their agreements. Some of the work, notably the Buddhist Shrine, where a new tank has been constructed in which once again lotuses can grow freely protected from the salt-water seepage from the river, as well as a number of the temporary constructions which were barely completed for your arrival, has been running late. The rain has also delayed by weeks, in some cases, the finishing of all that was planned but you will all understand, I know, how such things may occur and today the problems are largely in the past.

The construction of the new gate which is not only more suitable for our growing needs, but has been placed in such a position as to fit more easily into the Government's plan for traffic control at the southern end of the new bridge over the Adyar River, is now completed.

A new bookshop now stands near the gate and is intended to serve the needs, not only of those who visit the compound, but to catch the eye of the passers-by on the main road where traffic grows steadily, year by year.

The Post Office is now housed in a new home with enlarged premises thus allowing for greater facilities than before,

whilst nearer the beach, construction has already begun on a group of single room flatlets for the accommodation of workers.

Repainting, rewiring, repairing have kept the Maintenance Department as busy as it has ever been, and in fact all the Departments have had a year of concentrated work—it says much for those in charge that they have accomplished so much.

*Changes in Staff.*—Miss Annie Tjioe Siang Nio resigned from the post of International Treasurer in March 1975 after a number of years of very fine service. Mr. C. R. N. Swamy, who had previously been in charge of the Archives, kindly accepted the post of International Treasurer for the time being. He was replaced in the Archives by Mrs. Alwyn Miechel, who has done considerable work in preparation for the Archives Exhibition which you can now see.

In December 1974, Mr. Harry Edgar from Wales took over the work as Superintendent of the Maintenance Department. He has been ably assisted by Mr. Desikan, whilst Mr. Kumaraswamy was transferred from the Maintenance Department to the Laundry as Superintendent in July. Dr. Mangala Devi Talwar was appointed Chairman of the Committees running the Child Welfare Centre and the H. P. B. Hostel.

Col. R. Gopalaratnam has acted as Convenor for the committees concerned with the Convention preparations throughout the year. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson from New Zealand have been of great service. He, as an architect, has both designed and supervised much of the building for the Convention, whilst Mrs. Joan Patterson as Assistant Recording Secretary has helped the Recording Secretary with the greatly increased work that has fallen upon that department during the year. Mention must also be made of Mr. and Mrs. Krauss,

who have given considerable assistance with the preparations.

*International Tours.*—Miss Joy Mills, the International Vice-President, returned to the States in March for the preparations for the Centenary World Congress. On her way back to Adyar she attended the Golden Jubilee celebrations at Huizen and other European celebrations.

During the year I visited 11 countries and attended various summer schools and conventions. Included in these were the annual conventions of the East African and Southern African sections in April. Centenary celebrations were held in both these countries.

But a rather special mention should be made of the Centenary World Congress at New York City, in November, where all four officers of the T.S. met with numerous General Secretaries and delegates from all over the world. A full report will be published in the January *Theosophist*, but I think it would be correct to mention that one of the salient features of the Congress, apart from the strong feeling of unity that prevailed, was the effort made to draw more closely together the different branches of the Theosophical Movement.

The recognition of Mr. W. Q. Judge, despite the various problems of the 1890's, as one who dedicated himself to a life-long service of Theosophy and who was in fact one of the original founders of the Society who remained true to its ideal until his death in 1896, was a factor which contributed much towards the re-establishment of ever more harmonious attitudes within the Movement.

En route to the States I paid a visit to Pakistan and Mexico; and coming back from the Congress I was both in London, again for Centenary celebrations, and in Israel.

Mrs. Radha Burnier, General Secretary of the Indian Section, toured and lectured

in South East Asia in April, 1975. She went to Indonesia and, on her way, visited Sri Lanka, Thailand and Malaysia.

Mrs. Rukmini Arundale visited Hui-zen and attended the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the International Theosophical Centre in July. Then she went to America and Canada where she toured and lectured extensively.

*Deaths.*—Among the members who have passed on during the year were Dr. Paul Thorin, ex-General Secretary of the French section and editor of the French Magazine, *Le Lotus Bleu*, for numbers of years; Mr. Fjellander, ex-General Secretary for Sweden; Sir Hugh Sykes, Bart., Treasurer of the English section for many years. Though already included in the report of the Indian section, mention should be made of Mr. M. Krishnamacharyulu, the Assistant General Secretary of the Indian section, who passed away suddenly while on tour.

*Islamic Association.*—Branches have been formed at Bombay and in the Calicut District. Regular meetings have been held at Adyar. The Association is attracting more interest.

*The Theosophical Order of Service.*—Miss Gusta Koopman accepted to be-

come the International Secretary of the Order. Two full reports have been issued which give information about activities all around the world.

*Young Theosophists.*—The Young Theosophists have been active in many countries and perhaps a special mention should be made of South America and Europe. In the latter they held camps at Easter time near Torino, Italy, and in Brussels, Belgium, in August. Young Theosophists in "The Pays Latins" are busy publishing their magazine *Unité* six times a year; there is a good team of workers in Paris for this work. The Secretary of the W.F.Y.T., Mr. Charles Chesrow, reports increasing activities everywhere and a growing participation in the lodge work in many sections. There has been much enthusiasm throughout the year, in many sections, in organizing centennial celebrations together with elder members. In Viet Nam, a strong group of more than 100 members, specially in Saigon, are eager to carry on theosophical work as much as they are able, despite current difficulties. Here at Adyar, Young Theosophists have been engaged in many worthwhile activities.



## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

### INTRODUCTORY:

In accordance with the decision of the General Council to change the close of the fiscal year of the Society from 30th September to 31st March, the accounts of the Society for the half-year from 1-10-1973 to 31-3-1974 were presented to the General Council during the Annual Convention of the Society held in Varanasi in December 1974. The present account covers the period of one year commencing 1-4-1974 and closing on 31-3-1975. The figures furnished for comparison, however, cover the half year ending 31-3-1974. It will be appreciated that comparisons are difficult in such circumstances.

Another factor which has to be borne in mind is that the year ending 31st March 1975 was by no means a normal year, as considerable unusual expenses had to be incurred particularly in connection with new constructions, renovations, equipment and beautification of the International Headquarters in preparation for the Centenary Celebrations.

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:

The deficit for the current year is Rs. 223,857 as compared with the deficit of Rs. 63,485 for the half year ending 31-3-1974, and Rs. 8,706 only for the whole year ending 30-9-1973. The steep increase in deficit is mainly due to the increase of expenditure under the heads 'Repairs and Renewals' which amounts to Rs. 202,956 in the current year. The other heads under which there are increases in expenditure are: 'Boundary Expenses', 'Printing and Stationery' and 'Child Welfare Centre'.

1. **Adyar Library:** 'Sale of Publications' registered a substantial increase, but this was offset by a similar increase in 'Cost of Publications'. Although the deficit under the Publications account has come down to Rs. 1,969 as against the sum of Rs. 8,925 of the previous half year ending 31-3-1974, the overall deficit for the year amounts to Rs. 83,957/- as compared with the deficit of Rs. 42,148/- for the half year ending 31-3-1974.

2. **Bhojanasala:** The increase in expenditure under the following heads viz., 'Provisions', 'Vegetables' and 'Salaries and Wages' accounts for the large increase in the present year's deficit of Rs. 22,044 as compared with the deficit of Rs. 2,553 only for the previous half year ending 31-3-1974.

3. **Garden Department:** The unsatisfactory return from the 'Cultivation Account' in the current year is mainly attributed to the drought conditions prevalent throughout the year. There was a substantial increase in expenditure under the head 'Ornamentals' during the current year (Rs. 48,881 as against Rs. 19,187 for the previous half year) and the deficit for the year stands at Rs. 40,648 against the previous half year's deficit of Rs. 13,009.

4. **Laundry Department:** There is no significant change as compared with the figures relating to the half year ending 31-3-1974 and the deficit for the current year amounts to Rs. 8,523.

**5. Leadbeater Chambers:** The deficit for the current year amounts to Rs. 27,360 against an excess of income over expenditure of Rs. 1,674 during the previous half year. The large deficit this year is attributed to the increased cost of 'Provisions', 'Vegetables', etc., and increase in expenditure under the head 'Salaries and Wages'.

**6. Maintenance Department:** The current year's increased deficit, as compared with the previous half year, is mainly due to the increase in expenditure under the heads 'Electricity', 'Administration Charges', 'Office Maintenance', 'Office Salaries', and 'Workshop Maintenance'.

**7. The Theosophical Publishing House:** Sales registered very substantial increase in the current year and there is a surplus of Rs. 62,246 after making allocations of Rs. 15,000 each to 'H. P. Blavatsky Reserve' and 'Publications Reserve (Special)'.

**8. Vasanta Press:** Though the gross income was Rs. 164,306 against the previous half year's Rs. 59,369, there was an excess of income over expenditure of only Rs. 1,448. This is mainly due to depreciation amounting to Rs. 55,813, including depreciation written down on additional new machinery. Depreciation for the previous half year was only Rs. 9,786.

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## BALANCE SHEET

**1. A. B. C. Fund:** The contributions received during the year ending 31-3-1975 amounted to Rs. 24,244 and the balance stands at Rs. 2,157,424. As contributions made to this Fund are fully exempt from Income Tax in India, donations may be earmarked for the corpus of this Fund.

**2. Century Fund:** Total receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 62,393 inclusive of the Adyar Day Collections of Rs. 14,380. The balance as on 31-3-1975 was Rs. 276,622 as against Rs. 420,602 of the previous half year ending 31-3-1974.

**3. General Fund:** A sum of Rs. 115,087 received towards 'Fees and Dues' and Rs. 90,178 received as 'Bequests' during the year have been credited to this account. The surplus of Rs. 53,287 realised on disposal of three of the houses situated at Urur Village, Adyar, has also been transferred to this account. The balance at the end of the year, as on 31-3-1975, stood at Rs. 5,036,108, as compared with Rs. 4,999,181 as on 31-3-1974.

ADYAR  
15th September 1975

C. R. N. SWAMY,  
Hon. Treasurer.

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REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES  
OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES, FEDERATION  
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These reports in some instances have been translated  
into English, edited or condensed in the office of the  
Recording Secretary.

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## THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OUR National President of ten years, Miss Joy Mills, was elected International Vice-President in May of 1974 and to the National Board of Directors in July, she presented her resignation from the office of National President to become effective September 1. The Board, in accepting her resignation, appointed the National Vice-President, Mrs. Ann Wylie, to that office from September 1 for the remaining ten months of Miss Mills' term, in accordance with the Society's by-laws. At the same time, the Board appointed Mr. George Linton Administrative Assistant, and I take this opportunity to thank George for all the support and advice he has given me. My duties would have been much heavier had he not been here to assist me. This is particularly true because this year we have had to adjust to the retirement of Mr. Edwin Lord, our Financial Advisor of many years, for reasons of ill health. Fortunately, Mr. Floyd Kettering, who had already assumed some of the financial duties, was able to take up the full responsibility.

The 88th Annual Convention-Summer School with the theme "Are We Prepared?" was held July 12 to 20 and we were very fortunate to have as guest speakers Mrs. Gool Minwalla, Presidential Agent for Pakistan, and Mrs. Radha Burnier, General Secretary for India. A report of the summer meetings appeared in *The American Theosophist*, September 1974 issue.

These ten months have been a period of maintaining the status quo. This Section was just beginning the process of the triennial elections of the National Officers.

There was no way of knowing who the new National President would be, and no way of knowing what sort of programmes would be indicated. So my task had to be in the nature of a holding operation, with little opportunity for innovation. The Headquarters Staff cooperated with me, and I thank them all for bearing with me through those days. And I also thank our members throughout the Section who, day after day, carry the responsibilities of the branch work and the individual work, utilizing the resources at their disposal.

The officers of the American Section elected on May 11, 1975 are:

National President: Dora Kunz;  
National Vice-President: Ann Wylie;  
Directors: Central District: Clarence Pedersen; Northeast District: Emily Sellon; Northwest District: Dorothy Abbenhouse; Southeast District: Marion Lee; Southwest District: John Stienstra.

As of May 31, 1975, the membership of the American Section stood at 5743, a loss of 138 for the year. Last year, and this year of report as well, an unusually high percentage of inactive members (members whose dues were in arrears for more than one full year) had to be removed from the rolls. In next year's report there will undoubtedly be an improvement, since at the beginning of this year (June 1, 1975) the inactive members numbered 748 as against 873 for the year ending May 31, 1975. We have 93 branches and 57 study centres, a total increase of two, and the membership consists of 3119 members of branches,

860 members of study centres, and 1764 members-at-large.

*Field Work.*—Our Field staff, Mrs. Mattie Louise Gephardt and Mr. and Mrs. Peter McNiece, were active among the branches and in unorganized territory during the year, as they have been for the last several years. Study Centres were formed in West Chester, Pennsylvania; Providence, Rhode Island; Worcester, Massachusetts; Jacksonville, Florida, Daytona Beach, Florida; Raleigh, North Carolina; Roanoke, Virginia.

Mattie Louise Gephardt who has been a Field worker since June 1968, and her husband, Robert, will retire from the Headquarters Staff this year. Members everywhere in this Section are deeply grateful to them both for their long years of service together.

Bev and Pete McNiece have been appointed coordinators of the Centenary World Congress, which will keep them more than occupied for the remainder of this calendar year.

Joyce and Doss McDavid, under the sponsorship of the Texas Federation and the national Society, carry out an activity called the Texas "Grass Roots" Programme. Their efforts have increased the membership and strengthened the work generally. Dr. Ruth Carter continued her regional work in the Gulf Coast area, centred in Pensacola.

In addition to these field workers, we have had with us Mr. S. Krishnamurthy, a National Lecturer of the Indian Section. Mr. Krishnamurthy was very well received by the American audiences with which our branches provided him. Enthusiastic reports and requests for his return reached us from many of the branches. His work took him to Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and New York. We are grateful to Mr. Krishnamurthy for coming to us and for

his most generous acceptance of opportunities to talk and lecture, to appear on TV and in radio interviews, to address college audiences, etc.

Miss Joy Mills left Olcott on September 25 going to Adyar via the Pacific. She returned to the United States on April 1 of this year and, after spending about ten days in New York City developing the Centenary programmes, visited the Washington, D.C. and Baltimore branches before coming to Olcott. In May she attended the Texas Federation meeting and journeyed to the west coast to lecture in several cities in California. She conducted a seminar on *The Voice of the Silence* at the Krotona Institute of Theosophy, and at the Ozark Camp in June. She has arranged to be at our Convention for one day only as she must go to Europe and the Summer Schools taking place there before she returns to Adyar.

Mrs. Diane Burckes, National Secretary, a very capable lecturer, was guest speaker at the Ohio Valley Federation meeting in Columbus and guest lecturer at the West Coast Conference in Seattle. She also spoke in Fort Wayne, Tacoma, Spokane, Ojai and Albuquerque.

*Educational Work.*—The Department of Education continues to expand because the need for Theosophy in the world is so urgent and we are continually endeavoring to find the most effective means of responding to that need. As members of the Society—students of the wisdom—we must educate ourselves, not so much that we shall be wise as that we may make Theosophy accessible to others. Wherever we happen to be we participate in workshops, seminars, libraries, film and radio programmes, authoring, editing, and publishing books, magazines, letters and other educational endeavors.

The Department of Education has continued to provide learning materials

for branches, study centres, members and nonmembers; it has sponsored workshops and seminars and developed many programmes and projects. The Chairman of the department, Mr. Jerry Rosser, is assisted by Miss Marie Minor, Mr. James Person, and Mrs. Virginia Hanson. Thirteen years ago Virginia Hanson developed a series of 24 letters to new members, who receive one letter a month for two years, each letter relating Theosophy to daily life. The letters give rise to a great deal of correspondence which Virginia, in her report to me, says is one of the most interesting aspects of the whole programme. The letters are especially helpful to members-at-large, though branch and study centre members also tell us how valuable they consider the programme. An average of 1,255 letters a month are mailed. A number of other Sections of the Society have adapted the programme for use in their countries.

Mr. Rosser reports an increase of 41 % over last year in the department's materials for loan, including tape recordings, slides, tape-visuals, and films. In January the new film produced for us by Hartley Productions, *The Universal Flame*, was released and has been in heavy demand by our groups and members. An increase of 32 groups has been recorded in the number borrowing materials from the department. Twenty-six new tape recordings were added to the department's tape library, bringing the total to 194. A new attractive 50-page Resource Catalogue was completed in October 1974, making it more convenient for members and groups to become familiar with what is available.

The tape sale project begun in 1973 in cooperation with the Theosophical Publishing House has two tapes for sale, one by Phoebe and Laurence Bendit and the other by Geoffrey Hodson. Approximately 500 copies of the two tapes

have been sold. A high-speed cassette duplicator has recently been purchased by the Theosophical Publishing House and is available for the use of the Department of Education. Eighteen more tapes will soon be added to the sales project. There has been an increase of more than 27 % in enrolments in the Correspondence Courses over the past year. Three new courses have been added: "The Basic Ideas of Occult Wisdom" developed by Jerry Rosser from the book of that title; "The Mystery Teachings in World Religions" developed by James Person from the book by Florice Tanner; and "What is Man?" produced by the English Section of the Society. Already existing courses still in use are "The Introductory Study Course in Theosophy" and "The Study and Practice of Meditation." Approximately 75 % of those enrolled in Correspondence Courses are non-members. Mr. Felix Layton has continued to be the Senior Advisor for the Correspondence Courses.

During the year the Department of Education sponsored one seminar and one workshop at Olcott for members of the Society. In November Mrs. Dora Kunz conducted a seminar on "The Dynamics of Healing and Angelic Forces"; and a workshop on "Human Communications" in March was conducted by Joseph and Jean Gullo of Tucson, Arizona.

The Kern Foundation has continued to support the educational work by making available certain funds which the Department of Education can draw upon. Partial scholarships are provided from these grants for members who could not otherwise attend workshops, seminars, and interfederation meetings, either as resource persons or as learners who will share with their branches the benefits of such experiences. Mr. John Drais of San Diego participated in the Olcott Library Programme for Research and Study for one

week in May, his research to be shared with members in San Diego, through his lectures on the Kabalah and in efforts to establish a theosophical commune and a Montessori School. This research project is also partially funded by the Kern Foundation grant.

As has been customary, Camp Seminar/Workshops were participated in at all the Camps and this participation was made possible through Kern Foundation grants. Mrs. Gool Minwalla of Pakistan was the principal guest speaker in each of the supported programmes at the Ozark Theosophical Camp, Far Horizons Theosophical Camp, Pumpkin Hollow Farm, and Camp Indralaya. Joy Mills also participated in the programmes held at Far Horizons Camp and Camp Indralaya. A special workshop and committee meetings were held at Pumpkin Hollow Farm and at Olcott, planned in conjunction with the National Education Committee, the purpose being to develop a theosophical curriculum for children.

A Conference was held at Olcott in January to review the objectives and immediate goals of the NEC; to clarify the relationship between the NEC and the Department of Education, and to meet Dr. David Rodier, Academic Advisor for the Krotona Institute.

*National Education Committee.*—The National Education Committee carried on its work under the able leadership of John and Dorothy Abbenhouse. The Committee is nearly in a position to publish an "Occult Studies Curriculum Guide" for the use of colleges and universities interested in offering courses in occultism, parapsychology, etc.

*Radio.*—A project still in process of development is the Quest Radio Series, another activity of the Department of Education, started in 1973. It is designed to present some concepts of Theosophy to a youthful audience through music and

readings, the work being done by a committee consisting of Bill Quinn, Brian Ziegler, Jerry Rosser, and Jim Person. The series covers the subjects of Theosophy, Peace, Brotherhood, Love, Man and Woman, Cycles, The New Age, Drugs, Environment and Nature, Yoga and Meditation, Death, Christianity, and Children. It is planned to have the programme in full operation by January 1976.

The National Radio Committee reports that a total of \$6,163.15 was used from the National Radio Fund during the past year to support the radio work, including \$500 to the Foundation for Radio Theosophy. This more than depleted the income to the Fund for the year, which consisted of \$6,086.04 from the Edith Gray Bequest and \$25.00 from other sources. A fortunate opportunity came through Mrs. Patrice McDonald, of Santa Barbara, California, who sponsors a radio programme called "Voices of Change" designed for college radio stations. She requested some Radio Theosophy tapes and reported that a total of 26 stations had ordered these tapes to use in 49 broadcasts during the spring of 1975. A similar promotion is being planned for the fall. Some of the Radio Theosophy tapes were aired by the Mobile, Alabama, Study Centre on local stations as public service broadcasts. Also, the radio station at San Jose State College in California has requested some tapes for a trial run in August.

*Olcott Library and Research Centre.*—Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Loenholdt, who had been with us for seven years, left Olcott in November for their new home in Carmel, California. Mrs. Josephine Lee, who for two years had assisted in the Library, also resigned from the staff during the month of November. Fortunately Mrs. Dulcie Linton, accepted the position of Librarian. A member



from Orlando, Mrs. Cheryl Hynoski, offered her services and has been Mrs. Linton's "right hand" since the first of December. Mrs. Marian Bateman, who for some years has given part-time service in the Library continued that service until June 1975 when she moved away from Wheaton.

Miss Mary Jordan, Mrs. Anna Hall and others are assisting in the Library. Mrs. Linton was able to undertake an inventory of the books which had not been attempted for many years. The books discarded from the Library were offered to Library readers on a donation basis and nearly \$600 was realized. Circulation of books remained about the same as it was last year—about 4500, three-fourths of which are loaned by mail. 433 books were accessioned during the year. The Library continues the practice of supplying new Study Centres with small libraries on indefinite loan.

A rearrangement of the stacks and loan desk has made the Library more efficient and has given it a larger and lighter appearance.

*The American Theosophist.*—The official journal, *The American Theosophist*, serves as a medium of communication among the membership and constitutes a vehicle for the dissemination of official news, policy decisions, and other information of general interest.

Mrs. Virginia Hanson has remained as Editor of the journal and also as Senior Editor for the Publishing House. Mr. William W. Quinn, Jr., has continued to take increasing responsibility for the magazine, relieving the Editor in many areas.

The fall 1974 special issue on the theme "Why Search for Truth?" contained 14 original articles; the spring 1975 special issue on "A Philosophy of Wholeness" contained 15. Well known theosophical writers have contributed generously to

these special issues which have been well received. The total number of copies of the magazine printed this year was 60,685, representing an increase of more than 3000 over last year. 500 copies of each special issue have gone to the Theosophical Publishing House for sale.

*Discovery.*—Bill Quinn is the Editor of this four-page publication designed primarily to reach the public. It is published nine months of the year—September through May—and is used by the branches and study centres to publicize their monthly programmes, the back page being left blank for this purpose. Public appreciation of *Discovery* is evident from the letters received by the editor, as well as by the branches. The articles are selected with special attention to presenting ideas that are inspirational and related to the ancient wisdom and spiritual development. Distribution of *Discovery* has been one of the tasks performed by Carin Citroen in the Membership Department, a total of 100,884 having been used in this year. Sixty-five branches and 20 study centres regularly subscribe to this small paper and many individual orders are filled as well. To make *Discovery* more visually appealing, the masthead was redesigned, new typeface was chosen, and colored ink and paper were introduced, which resulted in increased orders of 7500 subscription copies.

*Department of Information.*—Miss Frieda Yordy is in charge of the Department of Information, a department from which a tremendous amount of work is accomplished. Frieda is receptionist at Olcott, meeting visitors, answering the telephone, replying to innumerable questions in person, on telephones, and in correspondence, and providing inquirers with information about the Society. The year's work was approximately the same as that reported last year. Over 37,000 publicity leaflets were distributed through



the department; approximately 4,000 form letters were sent to book purchasers and other names received from the Theosophical Publishing House; about 1,000 inquiries received by the department were answered; some 600 letters publicizing the Correspondence Courses were sent out; and 2,500 other letters were dispatched. 175 persons joined the Society after contact with the department; and a response of 16½% resulted from the letters sent to purchasers of books from the publishing house. Frieda also sends notices of Headquarters events to persons on mailing lists which are maintained in the department; notices of our Sunday afternoon lectures at Olcott, notices of special seminars and discussion groups, etc.

*Quest Books Films.*—The new 28-minute film *The Universal Flame* has this summer been awarded a Certificate of Excellence at the Chicago '75 Film Festival. It has been entered in other film festivals and we are hopeful that it will receive further commendation. It has been in heavy demand since its release in January. Another film has been produced for us by Hartley Productions, a promotional film of 7½ minutes about The Theosophical Society in America. It is anticipated that this film will be used in connection with the centennial and later by our field workers in TV programmes and elsewhere. It is a very useful addition to our publicity materials.

*Theosophical Publishing House.*—The T.P.H. successfully weathered the economic recession and total sales increased approximately \$1,600.

During the year under review, the Theosophical Publishing House released 17 new books: *Being, Evolution and Immortality* by Haridas Chaudhuri; *Buddhism* by Hans Wolfgang Schumann; *The Glorious Presence* by Ernest Wood; *Man, God and the Universe* by I. K. Taimni; *The Idyll of the White Lotus* by Mabel

Collins; *From Death to Rebirth* by James S. Perkins; *Exploring Buddhism* by Christmas Humphreys; *The Choice is Always Ours* edited by Dorothy B. Phillips, Elizabeth B. Howes, and Lucille M. Nixon; *Gifts of the Lotus* (a book of daily meditations) and *Karma, The Universal Law of Harmony*, both edited by Virginia Hanson; *When Daylight Comes* (a biography of H. P. Blavatsky) by Howard Murphet; *Occult Preparations for a New Age* by Dane Rudhyar; *The Art of Inner Listening* by Jessie Crum; *Reincarnation, A Lost Chord in Modern Thought*, by Leoline J. Wright (published in cooperation with Point Loma Publications); *Intelligence Came First* edited by Dr. E. Lester Smith; and *A Human Heritage, The Wisdom in Science and Experience*, by Alfred Taylor. In addition, 11 books were reprinted during the fiscal year: Volumes VI, IX and X of the *Collected Writings of H. P. Blavatsky* edited by Boris de Zirkoff; both miniature paperback and Quest Miniature editions of *At the Feet of the Master*; *Christmas of the Angels* by Dora van Gelder; *Psychism and the Unconscious Mind* edited by H. Tudor Edmunds; *The Chakras* by C. W. Leadbeater; *A Guide to Horoscope Interpretation* by Marc Edmund Jones; and *Reincarnation: An East-West Anthology* edited by Head and Cranston. Nine new titles are scheduled for release during the fall of 1975.

The publications programme is nearly self-sustaining now. From a subsidized programme of \$ 60,000 during 1972, requests for assistance from the Kern Foundation have been reduced annually, the anticipated request for the year 1975-76 being approximately \$ 6,000. This has been accomplished through careful control of production costs, which has released money for the financing of production of new titles and reprints. The inventory of May 31 showed 544,737 Quest books

on hand, having a total value of approximately \$262,000, an increase of 17% over the preceding year. The sales value of this stock was \$388,584.

Fourteen salesmen are employed by the Theosophical Publishing House on a commission basis. Each salesman represents several publishing houses and covers a particular area of the country. Constant surveillance of sales performance is maintained and it is felt that representation is satisfactory at this time. T. P. H.-London represents us as distributor in the United Kingdom, Europe, Africa and Israel; the Quest Book Agency in Sydney distributes for us in Australia and New Zealand, and T. P. H.-Wheaton sells directly to bookstores in other parts of the world. A new project for this department will be started in the new year—an advertising campaign to interest librarians in purchasing more of our books for circulation. Other avenues of promotion have been expanded—in particular the distribution of leaflets advertising specific books. 8000 promotional leaflets for *Intelligence Came First* have been mailed directly to 2,000 scientists and 6,000 educators.

A leaflet featuring new releases along with a limited number of topical titles from the backlist is mailed to participating branches and study centres for their individual mailing lists. These mailings from Olcott to the 36 groups total about 11,000 pieces and there are from 3 to 5 such mailings annually. A separate catalogue for dealers is prepared twice a year.

In March, T. P. H. exhibited the Adyar Library Series of books at the Association of Asian Studies Conference in San Francisco. This has been done for the past five years, but this year the results were rather disappointing, since the emphasis at the exhibition was chiefly Chinese.

Wolf and Krautter continue to direct the advertising programme through the national media. The Kern Foundation funds almost 100% of the advertising programme.

*Mail Order Programme.*—A very important part of the advertising and promotional work is the mail order business. Seven mailings ranging from 10,000 to 12,000 pieces are reflected in this report. Percentages of response average 3.7, compared to 2.89 for the previous year and 2.57 for 1972-73. Sales directly attributable to this programme totaled \$16,969.25, with 7097 books sold. These figures are an increase over the previous year, although the mailings were fewer. Mr. Pedersen, Manager of Production and Marketing, made special note of the Christmas catalogue in his report, indicating that it was the most successful produced, the response in mail order sales averaging 3.7% with gross sales of \$4,354.

*Theosophy in Brief Leaflets.*—Branches and Study Centres are increasing their use of these leaflets; sales through T.P.H. having grown from 77,600 to 92,800 during the year. Seven leaflets were reprinted and one—"Theosophy and Extrasensory Perception"—was allowed to go out of print. Groups using these leaflets receive a 50% discount through a grant from the Kern Foundation.

This year T.P.H. seems to have reached a plateau in sales and a study of the reasons for it is being made. Publishing houses rely heavily on new business, and T.P.H. is now releasing 17 new titles annually (up from 11 and 12) which is the limit that can be published with present personnel. In summarizing, Mr. Pedersen notes that T.P.H. has established a good sound sales and marketing programme; a growing expertise is available to promote the books; and we need books that will interest as broad a segment of the population as possible, keeping in mind that the subject

matter must be consistent with our principal objective.

*T. P. H. Sales.*—Mr. Floyd Kettering, Manager of T. P. H. Sales, in his report which indicates a very slight increase over the previous year, states that total book sales decreased in the year of report by 5.6%. Invoices processed for the year were 20,905, a decrease of 4.6%. Credit memos were unchanged in number but the dollar value was increased.

An encouraging sales increase of 18.9 % has occurred in the American Section Branches and Study Centres, and in the sales of the Wheaton Quest Bookshop, where the increase over last year was 14.4%. Third in the list of increases are the Quest Bookshops in New York, Seattle and Los Angeles, plus the Krotana Bookshop, the total sales for these shops showing an increase of 12.%. Other categories of sales in order of their increases were mail order sales, foreign sales to dealers, and Sections, etc. Declines in percentage of sales were noted in U. S. book dealers, libraries and schools, and in Headquarters departments—Olcott Library, TBGI and interdepartmental purchases. This last category showed a decrease of 73.6 %. A note of explanation about TBGI: Last year Miss Marion Peterson, who had carried the burden of TBGI as secretary of that affiliate, had to leave Headquarters. Since then, our bookkeeper, Clarice Richie, has contacted many libraries and filled many orders for the books as an extracurricular activity. In spite of all she can do, the results cannot be measured against past accomplishments, and it is fervently hoped that a new full-time secretary for TBGI can be found so that this extremely important work of putting our books in libraries free of charge may be continued. Mr. Kettering adds that T.P.H.'s largest customer, De Vorss & Co., has increased its orders by 9.8% to

\$34,683, or a total of 8.2% of our total sales.

The increase in sales of nearly \$6,000 in the Wheaton Bookshop is largely attributable to the excellent management of Zella Balch. We are now searching for a new manager, for in November, after the World Congress, Zella will be leaving us, transferring her centre of operations from Wheaton to Adyar.

*Quest Bookshops.*—Since 1968 Quest Bookshops, beginning with the Quest Bookshop of New York, have been what we might call branches of the Theosophical Publishing House. These include the Quest Bookshops of Seattle, Los Angeles, and the Quest Bookshop of San Diego to be added in the year 1975-76. These bookshops have been the beneficiaries of Kern Foundation to some extent, but the Seattle and Los Angeles shops are now self-sufficient, largely because they are conducted by volunteers. Where salaried management and other personnel are required, some funding is necessary until the bookshops are very well established.

*International Conference.*—In September 1974 an international Publishing Conference was held at Olcott, presided over by the International Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills. Mr. K. Ramanathan, Manager of the Vasanta Press, Mr. K. N. Ramanathan, Manager of T. P. H. Adyar, and Mr. Michael Maxwell, Manager of T.P.H. London, were in attendance, representing their respective operations.

In December the National President, Ann Wylie, travelled to India to attend the 99th International Convention at Varanasi, the Indian Section Headquarters and home of Dr. Annie Besant for many years. Included in the various meetings attended by the National President were those of the General Council, the Governing Body of the Society.

*Centenary World Congress.*—Preparations for the Centenary World Congress for

which the American Section will serve as host have steadily accelerated through the year. Miss Joy Mills, during whose tenure as National President plans for the Congress were initiated, has continued as general chairman of this major event in our Society's history. Since she was out of the country for such a large part of the year, she appointed an Interim Committee to proceed with arrangements—Mrs. Dora Kunz, Mrs. Emily Sellon, Mr. George Linton, and Mr. Clarence Pedersen. Miss Carin Citroen has kept records on intending registrants, more recently assuming full time responsibility as Registrar for the World Congress. With the assistance of the public relations firm employed by the Society, under a grant from the Kern Foundation, a special kit was prepared for mailing to each member of the American Section, to heads of Sections overseas, and to individuals who had indicated their intention to attend the Congress. These kits contained full information on the Congress programme, hotel accommodations, and proposed tours. Mr. Greg Broadb of the public relations firm, Barkin, Herman, Solochek and Paulsen, met a number of times with officers, in order to provide the maximum service in publicizing the Society's hundredth anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Peter McNiece, on the completion of their spring tour, were assigned full time as coordinators of the Congress, working in close association with Miss Mills. The last time the American Section hosted a world congress was in 1929, but surely no congress of the world Society can have greater significance than this one to be held in our centenary year; surely every member will be aware of the privilege that is ours in welcoming to the United States, and to New York City—site of the Society's birth—fellow-members and fellow-students from

throughout the world, and in sharing there in the deliberations concerning the Society's future work as a new century of opportunity opens before us.

*Finance and the Kern Foundation.*—The T.P.H. Building is now completely paid for, and we have received donations totaling more than \$ 31,000 and bequests in the amount of \$ 433,000, including the balance of the Huckaby Estate which yielded a total of over \$ 469,000, the largest bequest the Theosophical Society in America has ever received. Adyar Day donations this year amounted to \$ 7,744; the Vietnam Orphanage donations totaled \$ 253, and the Vietnam War Relief Fund \$ 2,215.

The Theosophical Investment Trust, which is the Section's principal financial arm, now holds funds in excess of \$ 963,000 in six capital accounts. The Membership Endowment Fund continues to grow steadily, 20 members having joined the plan in this fiscal year. There are now 362 active members on the list of those who have endowed their membership; 62 members who held endowment memberships are now deceased and a portion of the fund is thereby free from dues allocation, the interest realized being applied to the general support of the Society's work.

Members of the Investment Trust, in addition to the Chairman, Mr. John Sellon and the Society's three officers—the National President, National Vice-President, and the National Treasurer who serve ex-officio—are Mr. John C. Kern, Dr. Paul H. Dunakin, and Mr. Floyd Kettering. Mrs. Marcella Lord serves as Secretary to the Trust.

Many new programmes have been undertaken, most of them partially funded by the Kern Foundation. Support is given to our Quest Books publications, advertising the publications, Quest Bookshops, lecturing programmes, film production

and distribution, workshops, seminars, the Centenary activities, library, special issues of *The American Theosophist*, etc., a total of 20 programmes at present for which we will receive in the new year approximately \$ 279,000. This amount does not represent the full cost of the programmes, for in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement, our members continue to add their resources to carrying out these programmes and those that are still to be developed.

There is a Kern Foundation Programmes Committee which reviews proposals submitted for its consideration. The Committee recommends to the National Board of Directors such programmes (with the report of the budgetary requirements) which seem to come within the terms of the Foundation, and the Board considers whether the programme is possible and the budget of the Society adequate for undertaking it. The National President serves as Chairman of the Committee, with Mr. John C. Kern, Mrs. Virginia Hanson, Mrs. Diane Burckes, Mr. Jerry Rosser, Mr. Floyd Kettering, and Mr. Clarence Pedersen. The Committee has also the helpful counsel of Mr. Paul Williams, Vice-President of The Northern Trust Company which is the Corporate Trustee. I should like to thank him and also John Kern for their encouragement, their advice and assistance, as we seek to find the best possible means of carrying out the wishes of Mr. Herbert A. Kern in the dissemination of the theosophical philosophy.

*Allied Activities.*—Regular reports of the allied groups appear in *The American Theosophist* and their directors keep the members informed of their activities. The groups referred to are The Theosophical Book Gift Institute, The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, The Theosophical Order of Service with its several active departments, the Parents

Theosophical Research Group, the American Federation of Young Theosophists and the Krotona School of Theosophy.

*Vietnam War Relief.*—Because I appealed to the members of this Section in April for assistance and funds to aid our Vietnam members who had fled from that country to Guam and hoped to make the United States their destination, I will report here on the outcome of that project. We explored every avenue of assistance we heard about and several other members were drawn into the project—among them Dora Kunz; Olive Dooley, Head of the Social Service Department of the Theosophical Order of Service; John Toren; E. H. Heintz; June Zold; Elwood Schenck, and so many others. The total number helped was 25 and so far as we know they are now in Arlington, Texas; Richland, Washington; Beatrice, Nebraska; Los Angeles, Santa Ana, and Tracy, California. We are in communication with several and have tried to introduce them to our branches and the activities of the American Section. I express my thanks to all who helped us in this project.

*Headquarters Activities and Staff.*—In the fall of 1974 Mr. F. T. (Bing) Escudero, Director of the Northwest Theosophical Institute of Seattle, Washington, conducted a six-week seminar in *The Secret Doctrine*. Forty-seven persons enrolled in the course, and this seminar was rated one of the very best that had been held at Headquarters. Since Mr. Escudero was resident at Olcott for the six-week period, he was available for weekend seminars in other locations as far away as Minneapolis, and he carried on other educational projects at Olcott.

The spring 1975 discussion, which was planned by Jerry Rosser and presented by several of the Olcott staff, was on the general subject of "The Basic Ideas of



Theosophy." In this 10-week course we experimented by presenting the subject each Thursday afternoon and repeating the presentation in the evening. This proved to be an excellent plan.

The weekly rap sessions, started several years ago by Felix and Eunice Layton, continued through the year under the direction of William Quinn, Jerry Rosser and Brian Ziegler, introducing many young people to the theosophical philosophy through discussion, films, meditation, yoga and theosophically-related programmes. The attendance was between 25 and 35.

Seven public lectures were presented from October to May: *The Divine Autobiography*, by Virginia Hanson; *Healing and the Dynamic Structure of Man*, by Dora Kunz; *Astrology and Freewill*, by Capel McCutcheon; *Mystics and Gnostics in Early Christianity*, by David Rodier; *The New Consciousness*, by Jean Gullo; *Meditation: The Secret of Right Action*, by Joy Mills, and *The Other Side of Yoga*, by William Quinn, Jr.

Diane Burckes, National Secretary, reports that as of May 31, 1975, the staff at Olcott comprised 35 resident and 26 nonresident individuals. Some of these have been mentioned in this report, and I will not lengthen the report by including all the names and positions of the others. Some of the staff have come here on a temporary basis; others have been here for many years and have become responsible for specific areas of the headquarters work. However, I cannot end this review of the year's work without mentioning especially two who have worked closely with me, Diane Burckes, National Secretary, and Bridget Paget, Secretary to the National President. My grateful thanks—perhaps too often unexpressed—frequently enfold them. Diane has carried a very large measure of the administrative work in a most efficient manner, and I could hardly have performed the duties

of my office without her. My secretary, "Biddy," who carries a load made up of numerous other duties, somehow always has time to devote to my needs, and I am eternally grateful to her for her efficiency and for easing my load.

To all the staff, old friends and new; to all those who keep us fed, clean, in repair and surrounded by the beauty of nature, to those who teach through their knowledge and also through the example of their lives, particularly those who continue to do what is possible in ill health; and to those who bring to our work their merry hearts—to each of the Olcott staff I give my loving appreciation and my grateful thanks.

I mentioned earlier in this report some of those who plan to transfer their work or to retire, and to those I must add my own name. In May before the election ballots were counted, I told the Board of Directors that I shall be retiring in September to take up residence at Krotona, the theosophical centre in Ojai, California. After 38 years here and at Adyar, I am not making the change without some sense of sadness, but since the members of the American Section have elected me to the office of National Vice-President, I am assured of at least two visits a year to attend meetings of the National Board of Directors. So I shall be here for Conventions, and shall still be involved in the work of the Section.

I want to leave with you a quotation which has always been an inspiration to me, and which we can ponder as we enter our next century. It is in a letter from the Master Koot Humi to Mr. A. P. Sinnett: "Still the theosophist's duty is like that of the husbandman; to turn his furrows and sow his grains as best he can; the issue is with nature, and she, the slave of Law."

ANN WYLIE,  
General Secretary.



### SUPPLEMENT TO NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Society has been associated for many years with four Camps: one in Orcas Island in the State of Washington; one in New York State; one in California and one in Arkansas. Dr. David Rodier, Director of Studies, The Krotana Institute School of Theosophy, and Chairman of the National Education Committee, was the guest speaker in seminars held in three of the camps. Miss Joy Mills, our International Vice-President, presided over the seminar at the Arkansas Camp. The International Vice-President, while she was in this country, spoke for the Society in California and New York, but most of her time was spent preparing for the Centennial Congress.

Most of the attention of the National Section was focussed on the coming

Centennial celebration. Groups from many sections of the country worked together in preparing for the large Exhibit for the World Congress. Michael Sellon, in charge of the group from New York, had many members come there from the Northwest to help in the preparations. Here at headquarters Sandy Gizzo had many volunteers working very hard to do their part for the Exhibit.

The World Congress in New York went off very well and many members from all over our Section attended. The spirit of unity and harmony which was engendered, not only between our own members from all over the world but between members of the larger theosophical movement, was, I think, a new and unique contribution to the spirit of Theosophy and Brotherhood.

DORA KUNZ,  
*General Secretary.*

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## ENGLAND

The twelve months under review have seen continued activity in most parts of the Section, several Federations making some special effort to mark the Centenary year.

At the National Headquarters, the public lectures have given prominence to the classical literature of Theosophy, and there has been a conspicuous increase in the level of attendance. The use of the Tape Library continues to expand, with borrowers (and buyers) from abroad as well as an increasing number of individual members at home. The existence and value of the Lending Library is becoming more widely known and its services are used by public bodies. Unfortunately the great rise in postal charges makes it less available to our own members.

Inspired by the Society's Centenary, the Annual Convention held in May had for its general theme, Heritage and Stewardship. Although space on these occasions is restricted, members generally prefer to be crowded in their own "home" rather than having roomier accommodation in impersonal surroundings. The Summer School, held in the familiar surroundings of High Leigh, was happy to welcome the Treasurer of the West African Federation, Mr. Charles Baiden, as well as other visitors from overseas. Its theme, The Creative Study of Theosophy, provided scope for an interesting programme in a happy and harmonious week.

During the year, the Information Department arranged a number of

Saturday Seminars, affording concentrated study under expert tuition. The first Seminar, *Wisdom from the East*, had to be repeated in response to popular demand. The success of the next two also, *Wisdom from Egypt*, and *Living Harmlessly* (in collaboration with the T.O.S.) show that these Seminars are a feature that has come to stay.

Residential weekends have been arranged from time to time throughout the year at the Society's country estate, Tekels Park. Topics have included: *The Classical Sources of Yoga*, *The Crest Jewel of Wisdom*, *Interactions of Science and Theosophy* (under the auspices of the T.R.C.), *The Perennial Philosophy*, and *The Life after Death*. Tekels Park also provided the venue for some one-day studies, the subjects being *The Upanishads*, *The Teachings of the Mystics*, and *The Light of Asia*. It is apparent that these one-day events, both at the Headquarters and at Tekels Park, are attracting people who, for domestic or financial reasons, cannot take part in residential conferences.

Two other events are noteworthy: on November 17, 1974 a special members' meeting was arranged at the Headquarters to mark the inauguration of the Centenary Year. It was very well attended and was an impressive occasion. Similar meetings were held in different parts of the Section. In July a small gathering of our West African members in London, met together to welcome Mr. Charles Baiden from Accra, who was making his first visit to England in order to attend the Summer School.

The Theosophical Bookshop reports a good year of sales, and the staff are working continuously under pressure. There is greater interest in theosophical books, and the Bookshop is widely recognized as the "Number One Bookshop" in London for its specialist field.

The overall picture is satisfactory. There is room for much more work, but few people seem to be available to contribute to new programmes of activity.

IAN THE HOSKINS,  
*General Secretary.*

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## INDIA

When the Theosophical Society was founded a hundred years ago in 1875, in the distant city of New York where the first meeting took place and the decision was made, there was no participation from India or any of the Eastern countries. However, the East and India were to have a great influence on the Society's work and were also to be benefited in large measure by the activities of the Society. The truths of the Ancient Wisdom, the Wisdom Religion, H.P.B. said, were more explicitly preserved in the Eastern literature and tradition than elsewhere—a fact she mentions in *The Key to Theosophy*. She

and Colonel Olcott, therefore, called upon all Indians to recognize these truths as their most precious inheritance and to make them available to the rest of the world. All over India, there was a spontaneous recognition of the validity of what she taught and, later on, of the ancient wisdom as enunciated by Dr. Besant and others.

Indian members have a special responsibility to fulfil. They also have a debt to repay, having benefited more than any others from the activities and work of the leaders of the Society. Enjoying as we do the immense privilege and advantage

of being born in an atmosphere congenial to philosophical and religious enquiry and discussion in a country where Theosophy had a natural home from the most ancient days, ours primarily should be the duty of devoting ourselves to the understanding and spreading of the ancient sciences—*atma-vidya*, *brahma-vidya*, whatever one likes to call it. From the ranks of the Indian Section there ought to arise a band of dedicated members, ready to delve into the depths of the perennial truth, to study and to work hard, and thus to prepare themselves to present fresh vistas of that truth. It is not enough if the Indian Section has a larger membership than other Sections. It is much more important that there should be a quality of seriousness and a sense of responsibility in the members, both towards themselves and towards the Society and the world.

The Expansion Programme in the North-West under the charge of Dr. B. R. Mullik for the last three years has brought the message of Theosophy to many who had never heard of it before.

Ever since his appointment as National Lecturer, Sri S. Krishnamurthy has been very active in lecturing in different parts of the Section. During the short span of a few months he was able to give about a hundred lectures organized by some fifty lodges besides conducting a five-day seminar.

Throughout the year Centenary Celebrations were conducted enthusiastically in different parts of the Section. At Adyar the Centenary Celebrations were inaugurated by H. E. K. K. Shah, Governor for Tamil Nadu. Special mention may be made of the functions at Delhi, Varanasi and Bangalore. The Centenary Celebrations at Delhi were inaugurated on 16th March 1975 by Dr. Karan Singh, Honourable Minister of the Central Government, who is a member of the All-India Centenary

Committee. The International President, Mr. J. B. S. Coats, the Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, and I participated in the well attended function.

Centenary Celebrations have been going on almost throughout the year at Varanasi and Bangalore. At Varanasi they began with a meeting on the 17th November 1974, the date which marked the ushering in of the 100th year. During the International Convention one afternoon was devoted to the formal inauguration of the celebrations in the Section. Special mention may be made of two study camps which were attended by members from outside Varanasi besides a large number of local members. It is felt that although illuminating lectures bring the message to the notice of the public, it is very important that members in general and the workers in particular delve deep within to reach the source from which all Wisdom springs. Such an exploration can be attempted at serious study camps where participants put aside the problems of daily routine and concentrate their energies on the supreme effort.

In the Karnataka Federation the Centenary work was well planned and executed by a Committee whose Chairman was Sri S. Krishnamurthy. There were monthly press conferences, three radio talks, weekly lectures in Kannada and English in different parts of the Federation with Bangalore as the focal point. The celebrations culminated in a four day conference in September at Bangalore at which the International President and Vice-President were present. The Governors of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka gave the inaugural and validictory addresses respectively. It is reported that the celebrations made an impact on the public of Bangalore in particular and of Karnataka in general. It is hoped that the good work will help people to lead a nobler life.

The All India Radio broadcast several of our talks and interviews besides giving good coverage to our activities throughout the country. Some more broadcasts will be made during the coming year. The Government of India is issuing a special postage stamp to commemorate the Centenary of the Society.

A number of books and pamphlets have been brought out during the year and some more are planned for the coming year. The Indian Section has compiled a new edition of the *Handbook* giving information about the Society, the Section and its constituent units, members, lodge work, etc. The November issue of *The Theosophical Review* is the Centenary number and has been termed *The Ancient Wisdom in India*. It is intended to give a panorama of the Wisdom tradition in India. It can be used as a book of lasting interest. Booklets brought out include *Theosophy and Religion*, *Theosophy and Education* and *Theosophy and Zoroastrianism* (being published on behalf of the Bombay Federation).

With the assistance of the Section several vernacular magazines are in process of publishing their Centenary numbers. Some Federations and Lodges have planned souvenirs.

A number of publications were brought out during the year. A Hindi translation of *Theosophy Explained* was published by the Indian Bookshop. In Kannada, translations of *The Seven Principles of Man* and *The Ancient Wisdom*, a biography of Dr. Besant, besides a few pamphlets, were published. *An Introduction to Theosophy* and *Theosophy and the T.S.*, besides six publicity pamphlets, were published in Bengali. Gujarat was very active in publications, having produced four pamphlets in Gujarati, six in English, besides translations of *The Masters and the Path* and a special volume giving an historical account of the work.

Translations in Gujarati of a few books by Mr. J. Krishnamurti were also published. The Marathi Federation took a bold step in publishing translations of monumental works like *The Inner Life* (2 volumes) and *The Chakras* with coloured plates. They have also published *Adhyatma Vidya Pravesh*. Rayalaseema Federation has published a book, *Nivedana*, based on *Thoughts for Aspirants* and one on *The Emblem of the T.S.*, besides a few pamphlets. The Rayalaseema and Telugu Federations jointly brought out some other publicity material such as a Centenary badge, key chain and posters. Two pamphlets were published in Oriya.

The International President, Mr. J. B. S. Coats, was able to spare time to visit a number of places in the Section. He presided over the Centenary Celebrations held at several places and the Tamil Federation Annual Conference. In addition to a tour of the Gujarat Federation he lectured at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Guntur, Calicut, Gudivada, and Srinagar, besides a few other places. The International Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, lectured at Bombay, Delhi, Bangalore and Guntur. Others who went out lecturing include the Recording Secretary, Dr. Jean Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Rohit Mehta, Sri B.N. Swarup, Sri H. E. Hakim, Smt. Seetha Neelakantan, Dr. A. Kannan, Sri S. N. Muni Rao and Dr. C. V. Agarwal. In addition a large number of Federation workers undertook valuable tours in their respective areas. Without their assistance it would have been difficult to sustain the interest of the lodge workers. A detailed report of the work of the lecturers appears in Part II of this Report.

During the year under review I presided over the Bombay, Telugu, Rayalaseema and Kerala Federation Conferences, toured M. P. & Rajasthan Federation and gave talks at Bombay, Calcutta,

Delhi, Bangalore, Guntur and Hyderabad besides conducting a study camp at Varanasi. I had to go abroad twice for a short durations.

During the three-week study camp at Bhowali intensive study was made of *Man, God and the Universe* by Dr. I. K. Taimni with Sri S. S. Verma as Director of Studies. Although the attendance was small, the participants benefited greatly. The Workers' Training Camp at Adyar was under the direction of Sri V. K. Madhavan and the book taken up for study was *A Textbook of Theosophy*.

Short duration camps seem to have become a regular feature of the activities of most of the Federations. Gujarat held as many as 10 camps, Karnataka 5, Uttar Pradesh 5, Kerala 4, M. P. & Rajasthan 2, and Rayalaseema held 5 one-day camps.

On my last report I gave some statistics of membership during the last few years. 1714 new members joined during the year, and after removing the names of those who dropped out, passed away, etc., there is a net increase of 1093. This means that roughly two out of every eleven members joined last year. This is an unprecedented increase in membership. It is hoped that the new members have come with some understanding of the Society's Objects and character and that they will be benefited by the Divine Wisdom. I welcome them all and wish them all success in their search for Truth.

While a large number joined as members, some stalwarts have passed away. Each in his sphere had a unique place but the Section misses none more than Bro. M. Krishnamacharyulu who passed away suddenly on April 18 while going to deliver a lecture. He had served the Society in many capacities and lately as the Joint General Secretary. As a National Lecturer he had been touring indefatigably for the last few years. He

was one of the most devoted and dependable members and the void left by him cannot be filled easily. At the time of his passing away he was in the midst of a lecture tour. Prof. H. Srinivasan joined in 1910. He was a pillar of Theosophical work in Kerala and founding member and President of the Madras Federation. Similarly Bro. S. V. Hora (1911) contributed much to the work in Gujarat. Bro. Rajjanlal Saksena (1942) had served the M. P. Federation as its Secretary. Bro. M. V. Chelapati (1932) was a well known figure in the Madras Federation having served as its President as well as Secretary. I must also mention Smt. Parvatibai H. Mehta (1911) spouse of our veteran brother Harjivan Mehta. Others who left us after having been members for over fifty years were Bros. U. K. Sujansinghani (1910), Satish Chandra Banarjee (1916), Pandya Gulab Shankar (1917), N. Balajirao (1917), A. Suryanarayana Pandit (1918), and B.S.K. Chetty (1920).

The branches of the Theosophical Order of Service have been active in different parts of the Section. The Karnataka branch under the leadership of Dr. B. S. V. Setty continued to supply artificial limbs. Recently a number of pamphlets have been brought out for distribution among the young with a view to inculcate the right attitude towards life. The old and the sick received special attention at Guntur. The Bombay branch continues its good work among the children. Bro. Binay Krishna, the enthusiastic secretary of the T.O.S., helped to mitigate suffering around Barauni and in a wider area during the recent floods in Bihar.

The Headquarters of the Section at Varanasi had the privilege and pleasure of having the 99th International Convention at its premises. The President-Founder, Col. Olcott, started the



practice of holding Conventions alternately at Adyar and Varanasi. This practice continued fairly well for a few decades. Later the interval between Varanasi Conventions began to increase, one of the reasons given being poorer attendance. This fact was contradicted by the record registration of 1247 delegates at the 1974 Convention at Varanasi. The feelings of the members were voiced at the meeting of the Section Council which passed a resolution requesting the International Society to hold the Convention at least once in five years at Varanasi. It is hoped that this request will be accepted.

The work at the Headquarters continues with the help of a small band of devoted workers. The need for more workers who are willing to make some sacrifice continues to be felt, especially

due to the increased amount of work occasioned by the increase in membership which has become one and a half times as large during the last two decades, and expansion of work in certain directions.

Early in this century, Dr. Annie Besant had suggested that Universal Brotherhood should be the only Object of the Theosophical Society, for those words enshrine a hidden meaning encompassing the whole truth of life. The altruism of universal brotherhood is both practical and spiritual, it ranges over subjective as well as objective duties and it would be well if members give their full and unreserved interest to the understanding of what it means, failing which the real purpose of the Society's existence may remain unfulfilled.

RADHA BURNIER,  
*General Secretary.*

## AUSTRALIA

In common with other Sections around the world, our energies this year have primarily been directed towards preparing for the one hundredth anniversary of the Theosophical Society which was founded in New York on 17th November, 1875. This has involved the Section Office in a heavier work load than usual as an avalanche of letters have flooded in concerning both local and overseas centenary celebrations.

*Convention.*—This year Convention (27th March-3rd April) was held at Lakeside, approximately 30 miles from Perth. The Guest Speaker, Mrs. Gool Minwalla, was unable to be present because of a death in the family.

It was a delightful family-type Convention, one of the highlights of which was the visit to the wonderful Yanchep National Park which offers such entice-

ments as limestone caves, koala bears, the beautiful Western Australian wild-flowers, a boat trip on the lake and abundant waterbirds—black swans, ducks and magpie geese. Because many members were saving to go overseas, numbers were comparatively small but this was offset by the intensity of the "family" feeling which was the keynote of this particular Convention. The theme "Communication" resulted in a number of interesting talks and discussions which explored ways of bettering human relationships, improving the communication of Theosophy to the public, communication between lodges and the communication of new ideas, while Mrs. Elsie Richter of Brisbane Lodge conducted an Art Workshop for those who preferred communication through doing rather than talking. Special mention should be made



of the excellent talks given by the National Lecturer, Mr. Will Ross, who consented to attend Convention at short notice, taking over the titles of Mrs. Minwalla, namely "Theosophy What and How?" and "The Relation between Action and Contemplation"; the Science Research talks ("The Soul's Potential" given by Phil Harris and "Stonehenge, an Astronomical Treatise," given by Hugh Murdoch); the audio-visual programmes, especially "The Art of Nicholas Roerich" (introduced by Mr. Will Ross and prepared by Mr. Michael Breen), "Pralaya" (presented by Mr. W. P. McKenzie) and the new Quest film "The Universal Flame." Particularly helpful and informative was the audio-visual demonstration arranged by Perth Lodge with Kodak illustrating the latest equipment and the effective programmes which can be compiled. Although we cannot afford such expensive equipment at present, it was hoped that each major lodge would realise its potential for communicating Theosophy and work for its eventual acquisition.

*National Lecturer.*—At Convention Mr. Will Ross was reappointed National Lecturer. We are all most appreciative of his readiness to help at all times. In Mrs. Minwalla's absence he toured the Section, giving seminars at most of the major lodges on *The Secret Doctrine* and revitalizing the smaller lodges with his talks and helpful suggestions. There has been widespread appreciation for his efforts.

*Other Visits.*—The Vice-President of the Theosophical Society, Miss Joy Mills, passed briefly through Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth en route to India late in October and spoke to lodges in these cities. It was most useful to make this contact with her, discuss her forthcoming tour and the international work, and listen to her lively talks.

The General Secretary and Miss Audrey Godding (Manager of the Quest Book Agency) stayed briefly in Perth and then Adelaide following Convention. Apart from contacting members and discussing ideas for the work, Audrey was able to approach bookshops with a view to interesting them in Quest Books, while Elaine gave talks for the two local lodges. They and other members returning home via Perth and Adelaide appreciated the very warm hospitality accorded to them.

The General Secretary also visited Melbourne on the day the new premises were officially opened (see below). Pressure of work and a tight budget have prevented her making any other visits, save one to Newcastle, this year.

*New Premises.*—It was a happy event for those lodges which moved into new premises during the year. There is always the sense of a new beginning in such a move and no doubt the lodges concerned have a feeling of optimism about the future. The new auditorium was filled to capacity and beyond on 18th March when Mr. J. A. Farquharson officially opened Melbourne Lodge's new premises at 126 Russell Street. The Lodge is to be congratulated on a very fine building, modernly decorated.

Toowoomba Lodge which has been meeting in a room in the Canberra Motel since selling its old building a few years ago, has recently moved into a roomy old home which the Lodge has bought. Not only will they have a meeting place where their library can be housed but a small flat at the rear can be let, thus providing an income for the Lodge.

Blavatsky Lodge and the National Headquarters have now been in their new building at 121 Walker Street, North Sydney, for a year, and the premises of both are beginning to take on a definite character as personal touches are added,

and to develop a warm friendly atmosphere.

In Darwin, Christmas 1974 started badly for some members when a cyclone virtually wiped out the town. All are safe but lost almost all their possessions. Several lodges immediately started an appeal for funds and a particularly heart-warming donation for US \$ 25 came from as far distant as Lodge Casper, Wyoming in the United States.

*Lodges.*—Ideally each lodge is a living dynamic body constantly experimenting with new ideas and open to change if it is to retain its vitality. It is encouraging, therefore, to see some lodges and lodge presidents not only trying new ideas, but adding little touches which improve the appearance of the lodge and make it seem a more friendly place. Thus we find Adelaide Lodge has been painting and generally redecorating its premises, rearranging the furniture in the lecture room in a less formal manner. For free discussion, especially, such an atmosphere is very useful. Equally important is the attitude of the members to newcomers, their willingness (or otherwise) to be helpful and considerate. Some lodges have bothered to find out if newcomers and young couples need baby-sitters so that both parents may attend meetings together, and have arranged a roster so that one person minds all the babies one week, another the next. The Notice Board in any lodge is important as it keeps members in touch with what is happening locally and elsewhere. However, there are some boards where the notices are pinned so haphazardly that no one bothers to read them, while others have clearly typed notices with a text-colour edging which make reading them a joy as well as a source of information. Adelaide Lodge has compiled a booklet for enquirers and new members which not only lists all the lodge activities but

provides a suggested reading list for enquirers and a brief glossary of theosophical terminology—Sanskrit terms can be very bewildering to the newcomer.

Another idea is that of getting away together from time to time. The beauty of such weekends is that people with different viewpoints may come together harmoniously and for mutual benefit and pleasure.

Talks continue to be the mainstay of lodge work. Some lodges have regular public meetings, others concentrate on lodge nights, devoting so many per month for both members and friends. Finding suitable speakers is often a problem and some lodges, Blavatsky for example, sometimes invite guest speakers from other organizations to share their ideas thus widening our horizons and often providing most lively meetings. One such was Dr. Hugh Cairns, Principal of St. Andrews College and a foremost authority on Teilhard de Chardin. At Convention the idea was put forward that each lodge send to the Section Office a list of those they consider good speakers or speakers with something worthwhile to say. If they are willing to speak to other lodges if they are visiting that part of the country, such members are asked to notify Headquarters when they are travelling. Especially are such speakers in demand by the smaller lodges which always welcome a new face. Wherever possible members of the Section Office and larger lodges endeavour to visit them. Thus Blavatsky sends a speaker to Newcastle once a month and Perth has sent 6 speakers to Gosnells during the year. Melbourne Lodge has given very practical help to both the Albury group and Canberra Lodge in the shape of books for the library.

It is pleasing to see the life in these smaller lodges. The numbers are not always high but lodge nights are always

interesting. Over 100 have sometimes attended Tathagata's public meetings, while one of the outstanding features of this lodge is the Raja Yoga Courses run by the president, Mrs. Yvonne Malykke. There are two of these running at present and the course covers instruction in Hatha Yoga, Meditation and study of *The Science of Yoga* by Dr. Taimni. In Cairns, Ian and Ysolinde Jeanes are providing an atmosphere where all feel welcome and after discussion or talks, there is ample opportunity for talks over supper and to browse among the books for sale or loan. The emphasis here is on group discussion and involvement. Atherton Lodge meets in the home of friends and enjoys the informal atmosphere for discussion. Toowoomba, as reported elsewhere, is now meeting in its new premises and is ready to settle down to a year of steady activity. Members gave much time and energy in preparing the new building for occupation. Gosnells meets in a member's home and meetings usually take the form of lectures or question and answer evenings. Newcastle Lodge is finding a more casual approach successful with impromptu talks, tapes, discussions, talks and some interesting experiments by the members in plant sensitivity. Hobart Lodge has continued to meet at "The Centre" every third Tuesday with meditation/study groups every Friday and an informal Sunday afternoon meeting once a month in the home of a member.

Some of the major lodges are supplementing lectures with workshop groups which attract support. In Perth these are prefaced by a short informative talk followed by free discussion, while in Adelaide the Monday Workshop often is a carry over from the Sunday public lecture where unanswered questions can be dealt with. For many years Blavatsky Lodge has shown films once a month and

this year the Section Office has also had remarkable success with films shown in the new auditorium. Now several other lodges have taken up the idea and find films are an excellent public relations exercise. The audience appreciates the programmes, the lodge enjoys the contacts, ideas are exchanged over coffee and all can browse at the book table, or in the Bookshop which some lodges keep open on film nights.

An outstanding achievement for Melbourne Lodge has been the opening of the P.A. Bona Theosophical Residential Units at Hughesdale for senior members. There are 16 units, all occupied.

As well as the lodges, there are two groups which meet regularly, namely the Albury and St. George. These have continued the practice of listening to tapes, reading and discussing books, and participation group activity. It is a pity that more of these study groups do not exist, especially in country towns. They have the advantage of being loosely structured, are usually a homogeneous group who develop a wonderful camaraderie and often do a lot of solid study.

Canberra Lodge joined the ranks of those who produce magazines or newsletters, with *The Athanor*. Magazines and newsletters are now also produced by Brisbane Lodge (*Contact*); Perth Lodge (*The Link*); Adelaide Lodge (*The Voice*) and Hobart Lodge (*Newsletter*.) Most of these are of a high quality, well-produced, informative and containing excellent articles. They are sent to the various lodges and are a means of keeping in touch not only with members of their own lodge but with each other.

*Services to the Lodges.*—The third Quest film *The Universal Flame* was released for the Centenary Year. Since its arrival at the end of 1974, this and the two previous films *Reincarnation* and *How*

*Many Lifetimes* have been circulating round the Section. They are available to the lodges and outside organizations from the Section Office. Also available are special programmes, study courses, tapes and cassettes.

This year we have been revising our Tape Library adding those from such fields as science, art, parapsychology, religion, education, etc., so that those wishing to study a particular subject in depth may gain a comprehensive, accurate, informed and balanced viewpoint. At the same time we will be adding to our theosophical tapes. We have to proceed slowly because of the cost of blank tapes, the expense of tapes from outside bodies and the sheer time involved. So far we have new theosophical tapes from Geoffrey Hodson (including the reading of his book *The Supreme Splendour*), Will Ross, Gool Minwalla and Roger Dunston; and non-theosophical tapes from Yehudi Menuhin, Laurens Van Der Post, Alan Watts, Drs. Priestman and Twentymen, and Findhorn. These can be borrowed for listening on either reel-to-reel or cassette recorders. 67 tapes have so far been borrowed. Meanwhile some lodges are making copies of Section tapes for use in their own lodges.

The quarterly *Adyar Newsletter* is sent regularly to lodges by courtesy of the Theosophical Society in Australia and keeps members in touch with the International Headquarters. The General Secretary's *Contact Letter* sent each month to all lodges and groups keeps members informed of events both at home and overseas.

*Headquarters Staff.*—The Headquarters Office sees itself as a team working harmoniously together rather than as a number of individuals. It comprises: Mrs. Gladys MacCartie (Assistant General Secretary), Miss Judith Fyfe, Mrs. Gerda Vanags (Assistant Treasurer), Mr. Albert

Piper (Secretary of The Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd.) and Miss Audrey Godding (Manager of the Quest Book Agency). Because of the economic situation, most donate a half day per week free as well as putting in long hours of voluntary work. To these as well as to Mr. Norman Hankin (Chairman of The Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd.) and Dr. Hugh Murdoch (National Treasurer) we owe our heartfelt thanks. Linked with these are the occasional voluntary helpers who assist so ably in times of stress such as wrapping the magazine and getting it out on time.

*Membership.*—Membership now stands at 1630, a decrease of 203 over last year. There have been 205 new members, 31 readmissions and 1 transfer from other Sections. Against this there have been 470 outgoing (93 resignations, 325 lapsings, 20 deaths and 2 transfers to other Sections).

Through death we have lost several outstanding members including Mrs. Phyllis Campbell, Miss Leonora Rudkin (in her 97th year), Messrs. Gerald Tranter, Gerritt Janssen and William Angwin.

The downward trend is apparent in some, although not all, other Sections and may be attributed to various causes such as the number of competing organizations with somewhat similar teachings, the increasing demand on people's time, an unwillingness among some people to join any organization, lack of first-class lecturers, the increasing difficulty both in time and money in travelling to meetings, and rising dues. It may be significant that in Sydney, for example, we have excellent attendances at open meetings with a sharp drop at closed ones, although the programmes are equally good. It is perhaps revealing that a question often raised by would-be members is "What will I get out of it?" rather than "What use can I be?" Undoubtedly rising dues deter

some, but when compared to the dues charged by other and kindred bodies, ours are very moderate. With rising dues, too, lodges are more reluctant to retain unfinancial members on their rolls and more ruthless with their lapsings.

A monthly average of 288 letters have been sent to new members. This service is provided for the first eighteen months of membership and letters of appreciation are frequent just as many express regret when the last letter reaches them. Once again we are indebted to Mr. W. P. McKenzie for beautifully inscribing each new diploma. *Theosophy in Australia* has been published every alternate month and articles have been contributed, with one exception, by members in Australia and are sometimes transcripts of talks given in lodges. Thanks go to all the Headquarters Staff for their composite effort in proof-reading, and getting the magazine out on time.

It is a constant cause of distress to the Editor that money to improve and enlarge the magazine is unavailable.

*Advertising and Publicity.*—Until the beginning of the year, regular advertisements appeared in *The Australian*, *The Bulletin* and *The Australian Journal of Advanced Education*. However, continually escalating costs have caused us, most reluctantly, to discontinue these for the time being. Consequently there has been a drop in the number of enquiries to 46, and only 22 enquirers have subscribed to the 12-part Correspondence Course based on Felix and Eunice Layton's book *Theosophy, Key to Understanding*.

Once again Mr. Will Ross has had some valuable publicity from radio interviews especially in Cairns where the local radio station is always ready to interview any able speakers who may be visiting the Lodge.

Indirect publicity has come from several sources. In October a number of mem-

bers were present in the audience when ABC television staged a debate on "The Occult" in their Monday Conference Programme. Several members, including Jim Perkins, Yvonne Malykke and Gregory Banfield, made valuable contributions, stressing the need for inner development through altruism rather than through the pseudo-occult.

As a community service (which also brought in some revenue) the Theosophical Foundation Building Trust put on a number of excellent films in the auditorium. These covered a range of subjects from Zen Buddhism to Sufism, from Biofeed-back to Carl Jung. They attracted a thoughtful and appreciative audience, many of whom stayed to browse through our books or engage in discussion over coffee. 2JJ, the Youth Radio, was sufficiently interested to announce each week's programme and various bodies were happy to display advertisements. In this venture we are indebted to Mr. Michael Breen for his very substantial help.

Indirect publicity also accrued at the end of the last year when we made the unlet shop available for the sale of UNICEF greeting cards and rostered members to sell cards during an extended lunch-hour. More cards were sold than in most commercial shops, we were told, and UNICEF extended its very warm thanks to us and to those members who gave so unstintingly of their time.

*Broadcasting.*—The regular 15-minute theosophical broadcasts have continued on Station 2GB each Sunday evening and bring requests for scripts and information concerning Theosophy. We are grateful to those who read the talks and to our Guest Speakers, especially Will Ross for his series of interviews on famous people he has known.

*Bookshops.*—First class bookshops with an excellent range of books are operated



by all the main lodges. In Sydney a second bookshop has been opened in the North Sydney building; the renovating and carpeting of the Besant Bookshop in Brisbane Lodge has brought corresponding financial gains which offset the closing of the lodge's Reid Gallery, while Perth Lodge reports record sales following the placing of a 60"x40" display board in the main entrance of the Perth Railway Station. Melbourne Lodge has re-located its bookshop in its new building, while Adelaide Lodge reports that business is improving and that the Bookshop is now open Sunday nights before and after the public lectures. There is little doubt that today, with a well-educated public which likes to research subjects for itself, bookshops are our most valuable source of publicity. Members of the public especially appreciate the personalized service, the availability of books not obtainable elsewhere and the high standard of the books. The smaller lodges, while not having the money for bookshops, nevertheless usually keep a limited supply of theosophical books for sale at their meetings and the turnover is steady. Many enquiries regarding Theosophy as well as some of our members come via these shops and in Sydney the city bookshop was even televised. The ABC reporter making the programme commented most favourably on the high standard and interesting character of the shop.

*Quest Book Agency.*—Thanks to the efficient management of Miss Audrey Godding, sales have risen appreciably this year and the subsidy required by Quest has been substantially reduced due to a 43% increase in sales which has more than compensated for increased costs. The Manager is working hard towards the goal of making the Agency self-supporting. Books were sold to 172 trade customers throughout

Australia and New Zealand as well as to theosophical lodges and groups. In addition to books from T.P.H. London, the Agency now stocks all books published by T.P.H. Wheaton as well as Quest books. Recently it has taken on the agency for those Compton Russell Ltd. books which are similar to ours in content, as well as signing a contract with the Adyar Library & Research Centre to act as its agent in Australasia. Publications from the latter will soon be available.

Advertisements are placed regularly in *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Australian*, *The Post*, *The Review* and *Cosmos*. Responses vary but justify the continuance of such advertising.

A total of 11,022 books were sold, comprising 6642 Quest books, 2258 Watkins books, 1329 T.P.H. London books and 793 T.P.H. Wheaton books. Watkins books, though more expensive, continue to meet a steady demand and along with the other publishers whose agents we are, complement the Quest Book subjects.

*The Theosophical Order of Service.*—Theosophical Order of Service groups in Australia continue to work autonomously, applying their special talents in many areas of concern to theosophists. In Adelaide, for example, Mrs. Fearnside continues to edit *The Australian Vegetarian*, and has represented the Order of Service at a recent AUSTCARE (Australian care for Refugees) cheque presentation to the Governor. The work in various States involves aid to Freedom From Hunger, Save the Children Fund, adult literacy, anti-vivisection, support to the Queensland Conservatorium of Music by way of a bursary, doorknocks for AUSTCARE, letters to Amnesty International to aid political prisoners, special support and concern for the Aboriginal Medical Fund, FRAME (an anti-vivisection body) and various



other worthwhile bodies. The T.O.S. has been represented on Aboriginal projects, the Australian Conservation Foundation and the National Council of Women.

The National Director, Mrs. Lorraine Moseley, was appointed to the National Management Committee of AUSTCARE, and to the State Executive Committee. She also represented the Order of Service at a special Seminar organized by AUSTCARE in Canberra recently, to review the whole refugee situation in Australia. Theosophical Order of Service projects, selected by the AUSTCARE Committee, have benefited by the Doorknock appeal and funds have been sent to Vietnam, India and Bangladesh where aid is sent to a Buddhist Orphanage caring for starving children.

\$2000 made available through AUSTCARE for work with refugees was sent to the Free School and Orphanage in Saigon in April and this was used in the General Secretary's words "to give rice and comfort to the poor refugees" and she enclosed photographs showing doctors giving aid and food being handed out from the micro-bus which was a former gift from the Order of Service through AUSTCARE. It is a matter of deep regret that we were unable to assist some of the refugees from Vietnam to enter Australia due to Government regulations.

The United Nations work has also included work for International Women's Year, with broadcasts and lectures and articles, sale of UNICEF cards and Public Relations work for the United Nations Association of Australia.

Our deepest thanks go to all who work unobtrusively and selflessly in the service of suffering humanity, not least to the National Director, Mrs. Moseley.

*International.*—While we are concerned primarily with the domestic scene, we always endeavour to see ourselves against the backdrop of the work in general and

to look at things from the point of view of the Society as a whole. To this end we have continued to keep in close touch with the International Headquarters and with Sections around the world. This has been particularly evident this year as various Sections have endeavoured to co-ordinate their various centenary celebrations and there has been a wide movement of members from country to country.

The Adyar-Australia Fund stood at \$21,720 on September 30th, 1975 and its income during the year amounted to \$ 990.00 which is held in safe-keeping for the upkeep of the Adyar Estate. It is understood that there will be various demands made on this during the Centenary Year. Collections and donations to Adyar Day and the Rice Bowl Appeal have been transmitted to Adyar.

During the year \$ 599.87 was sent to the Non-English Publications Loan Fund. This Fund makes possible the translation of theosophical books from English into other languages.

*Administration.*—During Convention at Lakeside near Perth, three National Council Meetings were held as well as the customary Annual General Meeting of The Australian Section Theosophical Trust.

The Sydney Quorum of the National Executive Committee and the Directors of the Trust Company meet regularly each month; minutes of these meetings and relevant information are sent to all concerned with the administration. I would like to thank sincerely all those concerned with this side of the work and for the help and support given to me personally.

*Finance.*—At Convention in March/April, Dr. H. S. Murdoch was again elected as National Treasurer and we are most grateful to him for the time and effort he gives to this task. His work

would be impossible without the very able assistance he has been given by Mrs. Gerda Vanags, the Assistant Treasurer.

*The Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd.*—Once again Mr. Norman Hankin has filled the office of Chairman and Mr. Albert Piper that of Secretary. The Directors of the Company are all members of the Society.

The building in North Sydney which is held in trust for the Society and Blavatsky Lodge has been completed and is partly occupied by these bodies. Letting of the rest of the building has been slow in the current depressed economic climate and as a result we do not expect any income from this source for at least two years.

In continuance of its policy of promoting the objects of the Theosophical Society, financial assistance was given for publishing *Theosophy in Australia* and the operation of The Quest Book Agency.

*Expansion Fund.*—During the year the Expansion Fund was reincarnated and by the end of September donations reached \$1197. Money from this Fund is used for such projects as bringing out visiting lecturers; the National Lecturer; services to the lodges such as slide, tape and special programmes. Miss Helen Zahara reincarnated the Fund in 1957 at Convention in Melbourne and in response to her impassioned pleas approximately \$5000 was collected during the first year. As our circumstances improved allocations were made from Section funds, while the Theosophical Foundation has contributed to both expansion activities and overseas lecturers as well as subsidizing the Quest Book Agency. Because of this, donations from members have been rather small in recent years and have not been actively sought. At present we are going through a transition phase with no income from our new building and it is necessary

to appeal for funds for specific work within Australia. Already the present fund has been almost exhausted by expenditure and it is hoped members will again give generously to it during the current financial year.

*Research Library.*—It is pleasing to see some valuable books being donated to the Research Library. Especially must we thank the Adyar Bookshop for the complete works of Carl Jung and the Eastern Buddhist Society in Japan for two beautifully bound volumes *Collected Writings* by Dr. D. T. Suzuki and *The Kyogyoshinsho* by Gutoku Shaku Shinran.

*Conclusion.*—As we enter our one hundredth year, we see many changes in our small Society mirroring the breaking down of old forms and the upthrust of new energies in the society in which we live. Without going into detail we see the success of activities which involve everyone and the creation of situations where Theosophy is seen as something we explore together. We see the enthusiasm shown for our bookshops, the success of carefully chosen films and the usefulness of Theosophy workshops and study courses. At the same time lectures do not have the same impact unless they are really first rate.

We cannot say what our second century of theosophical activity holds but I believe our work will be rewarding and worthwhile if we are prepared to discard what is useless and experiment with new methods of presentation, knowing beforehand that they will not all succeed. The important thing is to hold fast to the priceless wisdom of Theosophy while remaining flexible and sensitive to the needs of a particular time in our presentation of it.

MRS. ELAINE MURDOCH,  
*General Secretary.*

## SWEDEN

Summer Schools are felt to be one of the very important activities of the Swedish Section, and that was the case also with regard to the summer school held 14th to 20th of July 1975 at Mariefred. The programme was a bit of an experiment. The key-note was taken from this quotation: "There is hope for humanity in man, not in the social system, not in organized religious systems, but in you and me." Besides having scientific and theosophical views on man and nature in lectures by members, we had invited a medical doctor, psychiatrist, to give points of view on "inner space," and a man, qualifying at present for a degree at university, to talk to us on a subject he has studied thoroughly, mysticism in the European tradition. They both gave very valuable elucidations on man's consciousness and the oneness of all life. Further we had invited two young people living in small communities, which have the aim of finding ways of living that use up less of the available resources than does the present industrialized society, and that give more of a community spirit than we usually find to-day. We learnt much from the reasons why they had gone into this adventure and from their experiences. Discussions in smaller groups and all together formed a considerable part of the programme. This experimental gathering was a success to a great extent; some points of failure provided useful experience for the planning of future gatherings. We had a very fruitful session at the end when all participants shared with those who had been responsible for the programme what they had found good and what could be better another time.

Regular meetings during the winter are being held in Stockholm (two lodges), Gotheburg (two lodges), Malmö, Örebro and Uppsala. Lectures for the public,

discussions and study circles form part of the programmes. In Stockholm lately there have been regular study classes in *The Secret Doctrine*; other circles have been on meditation and on man's latent powers. In the latter case a film on a young English psychic, Matthew Manning, was used at one of the sessions. There has been a certain exchange of lecturers between the Scandinavian Sections during the year. Mr. Arne Hansen from Norway visited Gothenburg and Malmö in Sweden, Curt Berg visited Åbo in Finland and Ingrid Nyborg-Fjellander visited five lodges in different places in Finland.

Part of the year has seen us preparing two exhibitions, one in Stockholm and one in Gothenburg. The one in Stockholm was rather small and formed part of an exhibition on the activities of different societies and clubs active in the part of Stockholm where the Swedish T.S. Headquarters are situated. The one in Gothenburg occupied a room of some one hundred square meters and gave a very extensive presentation of Theosophy and The Theosophical Society. More than 4,000 persons had visited the exhibition.

In Stockholm the celebrations of the Centenary have included a public meeting in which the film *The Universal Flame* was shown and a short lecture given, as well as a members' meeting on the 17th of November.

For more than a year preparations have been afoot for a flight from Sweden to the Centenary celebrations at Adyar at the end of December. About 30 members from Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Germany will participate.

The sectional magazine in common nowadays for Norway and Sweden has

been issued quarterly and been supplemented by a members' news sheet also quarterly in between the appearance of the magazine. Three to four pamphlets containing information on Theosophy have been reprinted or issued for the first time during the year.

During the year 35 new members have joined the Section. As 43 members have left, including lapsing, the membership at the end of the year under report stands at 335.

CURT BERG,  
General Secretary.

## NEW ZEALAND

Increased attendances have been general. Films such as *The Ultimate Mystery* and now *Inner Spaces of the Mind*—with commentary by ex-Astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell, have drawn large audiences and in most cases large attendances at universities where they have been shown. *The Universal Flame*, our Centenary film, is and will continue to help members and public, the latter appreciating the worldwide aspect and influence of the Society thus portrayed.

Two new films by Hartley Productions of Cat Rock Road, Cos Cob, Conn., U.S.A., *Biofeedback: the Yoga of the West*, and *Hinduism and the Song of God*—are adding to this very valuable work. Unfortunately the promised visit of Elda Hartley (a T.S. member) to N.Z. has had to be postponed until perhaps next year.

*Lodges.*—Again seminars, films, open forums and original evenings, etc., have proved effective means of communication. Sincere students, many quite young (especially in university cities) attended.

The willing and dedicated service of our faithful officers and members, as always, is expanding the work, helping an ever increasing number of searchers for truth and providing the Elder Brethren with much needed channels for the higher forces.

*Seminars.*—The H. P. B. Lodge's seminars under capable leaders have been

more popular than ever. . . . Full rooms with attendances increasing as time progressed. Geoffrey Hodson again captivated large audiences and has been a tower of strength and inspiration to the very many who have sought his help. The N. Z. Section is indeed blessed to have Geoffrey and Sandra Hodson in its midst.

*Travelling Lecturers.*—Our National Lecturer and others have travelled throughout both North and South Islands, assisting lodges with both public and members' meetings.

*The General Secretary* in visiting lodges and outside groups, dealt particularly with "The Occult Expansion", and with the help of the film *The Ultimate Mystery* attracted almost record attendances in most centres.

*Advertising and Communication.*—All large city daily newspapers and the weekly journals with the widest circulation have been used extensively from May to October. Whilst a large display advertisement with the N. Z. Listener headed "Theosophy" contained many theosophical viewpoints, most of the advertising was directed to increasing the circulation of the magazine, *Theosophy in New Zealand*.

Over 900 additional people responded with their annual subscription of NZ\$1.00 and thus will be kept in touch with theosophical activities and outlooks throughout next year, when they will be invited to

renew their subscriptions. Many decide at this stage to join the Society.

Leaflets funded by the Kern Foundation—the free booklet *Questions and Answers* and other literature, have been widely distributed at public gatherings and through the post.

*Talking Books* in the voice of Geoffrey Hodson are selling in good numbers over the world. Perfectly recorded cassette tapes provide a wonderful opportunity for members and lodges to have “books” available with the full inspirational impact of their author. The response to advertising has been so good that next deliveries will not be until January 1976, when Manager, Frank Wilson, returns from overseas Centenary Celebrations.

The “Talking Books” are:

Reincarnation Fact or Fallacy 2 cassettes NZ \$ posted: \$ 6.00; A Yoga of Light 1 cassette \$ 2.50; The Pathway to Perfection 3 cassettes \$ 8.50; The Supreme Splendour 4 cassettes \$ 11.00.

*Theosophy in New Zealand*.—This modern magazine has again increased its overseas circulation very considerably, and internally has attracted over 900 non-member subscribers this year, in addition to the copies that go free of charge to our members. An all-time record now takes the annual circulation to over 13,000 copies. Not only does it circulate in over 50 countries, but it brings many new members to the Society.

People from many countries have sent NZ \$ 1.00 to have gift subscriptions sent to their friends or to interested people. Our grateful thanks go to all concerned for helping to keep *Theosophy in N. Z.* circulating so widely. This year total subscriptions over \$1300 came from non-members.

*Section Library* under the direction of Mrs. Roma Dunningham is kept up-to-date with authoritative books from many sources, in addition to all new publications

from our own Publishing Houses. It serves country members well.

*Tapes* are also available with extensive catalogues.

*The Theosophical Cassette Centre* is extending its influence here and abroad. Catalogues are available free of charge. Very popular are the “Talking Books” and other recordings by Geoffrey Hodson. Tapes by John Coats, Joy Mills, Lady Dowding and many others are also available. Our especial thanks to Frank, Elsie and Athol Wilson for many hours of untiring service in this essential work. Other Sections are welcome to copy these for their members or public. Order from Frank Wilson, 13 Balmain Road, Birkenhead, Auckland.

*Youth's Part*.—Young students in increasing numbers are finding a sense of encouragement and fulfilment in the theosophical search for truth, and our young academics are taking the T. S. viewpoint back to their universities and groups with marked success. Murray Stentiford, B.Sc., spoke briefly on Theosophy before showing Edgar Mitchell's film *The Ultimate Mystery* to 200 students at Auckland University.

A group of our young members left in August on a round-the-world trip, visiting Theosophical Headquarters including Adyar and the New York Centenary Congress.

*T. O. S. Activities*.—Arundale Centre, Orewa, expects to have two units for sale built shortly, with more to follow.

Iona Flats continues to look after elderly members, and has room to expand as demand increases.

*Animal Welfare Work* continues in Dunedin, and the “Beauty Without Cruelty” Movement and Vegetarian Society are well supported by many T. S. members.

*Finances*.—Income during the past year has continued to increase owing to the



generous donations of members to our Voluntary Fund. Members realize the tremendous help the Society is giving to so many people both individually and collectively. Regular donors to this Fund have generously sent in \$ 1600.00 against a Budget of \$ 800.00.

Our Capital account benefits repeatedly from gifts of property, and from the wills of members. Our grateful thanks and appreciation.

*Section Treasurer.*—The services of a qualified accountant and wise businessman in our Treasurer, Mr. Neill Edgar, have again maintained our capital investments in profitable shape, thus ensuring that the greatest benefit accrues to the work of the Society from these hard-earned savings of our donor members. Mr. Edgar's help in lecturing and general direction of our advertising campaigns, constitutional matters, and as Vice-President of our Properties Trust Board, have been of inestimable value. Most enjoyable have been his films and talks on Japan and its temples taken during his visit there with his wife Pat.

#### *Legacies:*

Balance Eric Brown's Estate	\$ 158.00
Further amount from Mr. Harry Banks' Estate	\$ 1374.00

#### *Donations:*

Adyar Day Fund	\$ 287.00
Non-English Publications	
Loan Fund	\$ 42.00
Olcott Harijan Free Schools	\$ 126.00

#### *Century Fund:*

Balance as at 31/10/74	\$ 4238.00
Donations	\$ 310.00
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Interest to Adyar	\$ 400.00

There has been an increase of 140 in membership, making a total of 1359.

*Called to Higher Service.*—The Hon. H.G.R. Mason, Q.C., C. M. G., M.A., L.L.B. (N.Z.), Hon. L.L.D. (U.O.W.), looked upon as "The Elder Statesman" of the N.Z. House of Parliament, passed away on 3/4/75. He gave invaluable service on our Trust Board for many years, and with his wife Dulcie Mason established the Mason Foundation to provide an added income for publicity purposes, etc., for the Society. He is greatly missed.

*The Mason Foundation* has again made a helpful contribution this year to our advertising campaign with its income of \$820.00. Similar in general purpose to the Kern Foundation of America, it helps expand the Society's work without becoming involved in building projects, salaries or overheads. Contributions and legacies for the Mason Foundation which is administrated by the Trust Dept. of the N. Z. Insurance Co. Ltd., are deeply appreciated.

*Gratitude.*—Our Section has again benefited from the truly co-operative and brotherly help of overseas Sections such as the U.S.A., Australia, England, etc., and of course, Adyar.

The selfless dedication and efficient service of Section, Lodge Officers and members have again enabled our Section "to popularise a knowledge of Theosophy" as requested by the Inner Founders. The cheerful and constructive support of one and all has made this year's progress and success possible. Personal thanks to all.

*Assistant General Secretary.*—Cecilia Pollard continues to give to the utmost of her capacity to supervise the ever-increasing work at Section Headquarters and on the Properties Trust Board. Our thanks go to the many helpers who now regularly assist at Section Headquarters.

BRIAN DUNNINGHAM,  
*General Secretary.*



## THE NETHERLANDS

In March 1975 a check-up of our administration revealed that the number of members mentioned in the last report (1034 at the end of the year) was not accurate; it should have been 1018. Another thing which this check-up brought to light, was that 55% of our members were over 65 years of age. During many years the number of new members was not sufficient to replace those who left our ranks either by death or otherwise, and this caused a steady decline in membership. The year under report showed still a decline in the first semester, but in the second semester there was a marked increase in membership, so that the final result is a membership of 1017, only 1 less than a year before. We hope that this year will prove to be a turning point in this respect.

Convention was held this year on 16th November 1974 as an opening of the centenary year. The theme was "Modern Psychology and Occultism".

No summerschool (study week) was organized this year by the Section, because the International Theosophical Centre at Huizen celebrated its golden jubilee in July with an international week, and many members of the Dutch section joined in this celebration.

As a preparation for the centenary a number of regional meetings were organized in the course of the year, beginning with three meetings in the eastern part of the country in March 1975, followed in September by many meetings in the North, South and West. Those in the South took place in combination with the Lodges in the Dutch speaking part of Belgium. All these meetings were well attended, and we believe they were a stimulus for the theosophical work. Our national celebration took place on 11th October 1975, and so falls within the next report.

MARIJN BRANDT,  
General Secretary.

## FRANCE

The French Section has pursued steadily its work during the year which has ended on the 30th of September 1975. Large audiences have attended the lectures given twice a month at the Headquarters, in Paris, where several Lodges have had their meetings and where the General Secretary has continued to give a weekly Course on Theosophy. The Parisian Young Theosophists have gone on with their work holding their meetings twice a week at the Headquarters.

Outside Paris, the theosophical work has been intense chiefly in Marseilles, Nice, Cannes, Lyon, Grenoble and Rouen.

In each of these towns numerous lectures have been delivered.

Our magazine, *Le Lotus Bleu*, has continued to be published conjointly by the Belgian, Swiss and French Sections. As usual, it has been issued ten times during the year.

In spite of the very high prime cost of books, the Editions Adyar, our Publishing House, has published, during the same year, nine books: *La Sagesse du Soi* (translation of *Pratyabhijñā Hridayam* and of *Shiva Sutras*), *L'Autre Cote de la Mort* by C.W. Leadbeater, *Isis Deviolee*, 4th volume, by H.P. Blavatsky, *L'Idylle du*

*Lotus Blanc* by Mabel Collins, *Dans les Caves et Jungles de l'Hindoustan* by H.P. Blavatsky, *Au Pays des Montagnes Bleues* by H. P. Blavatsky, *La Clairvoyance* by C. W. Leadbeater, *Le Plan Astral* by C. W. Leadbeater, and *Doctrines Initiatiques* by S. Lancri.

For the first time a Lodge of our Section has been created in Africa, in

Pointe Noire (Popular Republic of Congo). Another Lodge has been founded in the French territory, so that the number of our Lodges has been brought from 42 to 44. The number of our members has continued to rise, reaching 1377, the increase being 65.

SALOMON LANCRI,  
General Secretary.

## ITALY

The T.S. in Italy is growing steadily and especially this year made a particular effort to spread the theosophical thought.

In the course of the year 1975 two new Centres have been formed with very active young people. The number of members increased during the year by 73, but there were also 7 resignations, 11 deaths and 35 lapsings, with a net increase of 20 members. The total number of members in good standing in the current year is 639. In the last four years the T.S. in Italy has been rejuvenated with the admission of 296 members.

There are now 24 active Groups and three Centres. The biggest Groups are in Milan, Turin, Trieste and Genova with fifty or more members. All Groups and Centres are holding regular meetings at least one or two times a week.

Some Groups devote their meetings to the meditations on and study of current theosophical literature. The larger Groups have a wider programme for the members and outsiders on the most important topics of the spiritual life from the theosophical point of view, namely with the aim of universal brotherhood. Generally the public lectures are delivered by qualified members drawing a large audience with advertisements in papers and radio.

The 61st National Convention took place at Castrocara in June, in a very pleasant thermal place near Bologna with about one hundred participants and Mrs. Hermine Sabetay as guest speaker. The theme was: "Theosophy: Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow."

During the Convention which lasted 5 days, the celebration of the Centenary of the foundation also took place.

Also during the Convention the General Secretary displayed an original Kirlian documentation of human and vegetable auras, achieved by the young members of the Research Centre of the Trieste Group.

At the end of the Convention the General Secretary had several interviews, one of which was delivered in the Theatre of Castrocara in the presence of about 200 persons. The radio and papers of Forlì, Bologna, Milano, Trieste, and Neapolis gave a favourable report.

The *Rivista Italiana di Teosofia* was issued regularly during the year. It is published since 1945 and now it has about 600 subscribers, but is printed in larger numbers for spreading of the theosophical thought. Generally the Review reports some articles from the classical theosophical books and reviews, as well as some original contributions

and up-to-date information regarding the theosophical work in Italy and abroad.

During 1975 a particular effort was made to reprint some books that were long out of print, namely: *Bhagavad Gita* (5th edition), *The Voice of the Silence* (6th edition), *At the Feet of the Master* (12th edition), *You* (2nd edition). Now are in preparation: *The Chakras*, *The Astral Plane* (2nd edition), *The Hidden Side of Freemasonry*.

Just now there is an increasing interest of the public in spiritual topics, but I fear the T. S. is lacking in up-to-date literature and qualified members to point out the essentials of Theosophy.

I think it is extremely necessary to form at last a Higher Theosophical Institute, like that one that was foreseen by Annie Besant in the "Theosophical World University" in London, with the tuition by correspondence, but her prophecy, after half a century, is still unfulfilled or overlooked. Perhaps this will be the task of the next century?

A considerable number of members of the T.S. in Italy are engaged in several other activities: most of them belong to the Society for the Protection of Animals, of which the General Secretary was an

inspector. At the same time some of our members are leading members of the Antivivisection Society, the Vegetarian Society, etc., but they work independently of the T. S., these Associations already being in existence and with a large membership outside of the T.S.

A particular effort has been made also in order to incorporate the T.S. in Italy with the Italian Government, for which also our President, Mr. J. Coats, forwarded a petition to the Italian Embassy at New Delhi. This way the T.S. in Italy would have a firm basis, a recognition as a corporation of public utility and the possibility to acquire some pending inheritances.

The Section is going to prepare an exhibition of all theosophical books published till now in Italian. There are several hundred titles that have enriched the national culture, in the course of this century.

This way we hope to launch the T.S. in Italy for the next century with the inspiration and help of the Masters and the enlightened ones.

EDOARDO BRATINA,  
General Secretary.

## GERMANY

Our membership remained 310, the same as last year.

Mr. Zoltán d'Álgya-Pap accompanied by Mrs. Peggy de Vogel-van Gogh lectured at Berlin, Hamburg and Bremen for the public and for members only. Mrs. Barbro Melander from Sweden visited some lodges in Germany too. Both were well received.

The Section was busy all the year in preparing for the Centenary in Germany which took place from 2nd-8th August

1975 at Kurhaus, Bad Homburg vor der Höhe. All different groups of the Theosophical Movement met together, about 200 people attending. The Celebration started with 12 readings from the Mahatma Letters and beautiful music. At the opening the General Secretary, Anneliese Stephan, welcomed all students of Theosophy, in particular our Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, the members of the European Council, the members of the European Executive

Committee and Stadtrat Dr. Hartmann, who is one of the officials of the town. *The Abridgement of the Secret Doctrine* in German was given to Dr. Hartmann as a present for the library of the town.

There were lectures about H.P.B., Olcott, Judge and other subjects, public lectures in the evenings, various study-groups, meditations in the mornings, etc. Highlights were Miss Joy Mills' lecture about "The Secret of Right Action" and her study-group "Our Task is Self-Preparation." At the beautiful closing the Declaration of Bad Homburg vor der Höhe dated 7th August 1975 was read to the audience:

"The Theosophical Organisations and Groups working in the Federal Republic of Germany, on the occasion of the Centenary of the Theosophical Society, declare as follows:

(1) We desire to promote the co-operation of our Groups, so that Theosophy may spread into ever wider circles.

(2) Each one of the undersigned Groups would welcome it if its members visit the functions of the other Groups too for expanding their knowledge and for a fraternal exchange of thoughts.

(3) The Theosophical Groups are willing to exchange their publications and to publish in their periodicals also articles and information from the other Groups.

(4) The Theosophical Groups will be happy to welcome, as far as possible, speakers from the other Groups for

an exchange of their experiences and teachings."

This Declaration is signed by five different Groups.

All students present were touched by the harmony and beauty of the gathering, excellently expressed by our musicians and the strength of the atmosphere.

As a surprise Anneliese Stephan received from the hands of Joy Mills a copy of *The Universal Flame* which is a presentation of Theosophy from different aspects in today's language, commemorating the Centenary of the T.S. This book was already translated into German by some of our members. It will be printed in German soon and is meant to make Theosophy known to non-members as well.

On August 9th, the triennial Convention of the German Section took place in the same hall as the Centenary. The elections resulted as follows: Mr. Siegfried Kuska, General Secretary; Mrs. Gerda Höfer, Asst. General Secretary; Mr. Klaus Hiller, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Anneliese Stephan, Treasurer; Members: for Berlin, Mrs. Irmgard Scheithauer; for the North, Mrs. Erika Thiemann; for the West, Mr. Karlheinz Tackenberg; for the South, Mrs. Beate Maltusch.

The rules were not changed. The work of the coming years was discussed. There is much confidence in the co-operation for Theosophy.

ANNELIESE STEPHAN,  
Ex-General Secretary.

## CUBA

The main task during this period was the repair and embellishment of our building, as it has been planned in view of the Centenary. This work has been finished in part and will be continued.

Lodges and members took up positively and enthusiastically all the work initiated by the Section, so that it was able to carry it through most efficiently. This common work had also the advantage to bring the individual members nearer together. It was thus possible to make a first attempt towards this mutual penetration and inner union, which is the essence of brotherhood. This mighty force of unity must always be radiated by the T.S.

On the 17th November we celebrated the 99th anniversary of the foundation of the T.S. with the participation of the different lodges.

In Havana, monthly combined meetings of the Lodges were held, each month hosted by a different Lodge. At other times, the individual Lodges conducted their own study, using theosophical articles published in various journals or the writings of the theosophical leaders such as Mme. Blavatsky, Mr. Sri Ram, Dr. Taimni, etc.

*Lodges in the Country.*—Lodge "Amor" of Santa Clara organized a course on fundamental Theosophy. Another day they are studying *Talks on the Path of Occultism*, actually the comments on *At the Feet of the Master*.

*Members' Movements.*—During the period in question there were 19 new members, and 7 left.

There has been a revival of activity with admission of new members in the Lodges outside Havana, for example in Lodges Pitagorus, Unidad and Rafael de Albear. Lodge Amor has also admitted some new members.

There appears to be a new impulse which has affected all the Lodges.

*Information on the Lodge Rafael de Albear.*—The problem regarding the building and occupation of it by the aforementioned lodge has not yet been solved. According to the latest news, the proceedings have been sent to La Habana.

*Administrative Work.*—This work has increased owing to the new books for members to be issued for the Register of Associations.

We have continued to send circular letters to the members in order to keep them informed on all that has happened in the Section. This system held the members and friends of the Society together, increasing not only the number of members, but also their spiritual strength.

*Theosophical Review.*—This official organ of the Cuban Section is continuing to be published. No. 3 will shortly be sent out; No. 4 is now in print and will be distributed before the end of the year.

*Smaller Works in the Building.*—By circular letters the members were kept up to date on the works of renovation to be done at our building, part of which is now completed. Actually the construction of a centenary terrace garden is under way, the announcement of which was met with great enthusiasm by all the members, some of whom are lending rational and efficient help.

*Correspondence with the Interamerican Theosophical Federation.*—We received with pleasure the news that the Federation is planning to issue a Spanish edition of *The Abridgement of the Secret Doctrine*.

JUAN BAUTISTA RODRIGUEZ OLIVA,  
General Secretary.

## HUNGARY

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## FINLAND

It has been possible to carry on the usual public lecture activities at ten localities, every Sunday at the Headquarters and less often at other places. Lodge work has been liveliest in the south-western towns and more quiet at the Headquarters. The Annual Convention (for three days) was held in the traditional way in Helsinki at Easter. Mr. Curt Berg and Mrs. Ingrid Nyborg-Fjellander from Sweden visited Finland in March and in April, and we were glad to have Mr. Geoffrey Farthing from England as our guest speaker at the Summer School of 9 days at Kreivila which was well attended (156 came for a shorter or longer time). The theme was "The Fullness of Life." Spring Convention and the Autumn Convention at the Summer Home were very successful, too.

Publishing of new translations has continued: *Theosophy, Key to Understanding* by Eunice and Felix Layton and

a selection of the articles of the Centenary book, *The Universal Flame*, under the name *Theosophy and the Changing World*. The magazine *Teosofi* (10 copies a year) is, as always, an important link between members and friends.

Two members attended the Swedish Summer School, one member went to the English Summer School and three of us represented our Section in Huizen at the 50th Anniversary Jubilee of the Centre.

A considerable legacy, received in 1975, will facilitate the work in the near future. It is only to be hoped to have the adequate man power and to activate our workers to increased endeavour in this present state of pause that is perceptible in the standstill of the membership figures, total 466 (in 1974, 462), and rather dormant state of some lodges (one of them in Helsinki and two in the country).

SIRKKA KIVILINNA,  
General Secretary.

## RUSSIA

Dissolved

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

No Report



## SOUTHERN AFRICA

In the Southern African Section there are 10 lodges. In Rhodesia 4—Salisbury, Que Que, Gwelo, Bulawayo, in South Africa 6—Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town, Durban, Port Elizabeth and East London. There are no lodges in South West Africa but we have there a few members spread over a vast area.

The activities in the lodges are stimulating. The fact that we are sending to all lodges the *Adyar Newsletter* has given to certain lodges a great joy to have more contact with the "hub" of our organisation.

As this year is the Centenary Year, lodges are all trying to make it a special year.

All lodges had a gain by new members except the lodges in Rhodesia. Johannesburg Lodge was the only lodge with a total gain of 4 new members.

Bulawayo Lodge was shocked by the sudden death of its Chairman, Mr. Roy Charsley, and a few months later the Vice Chairman, Mrs. Freda Ross, passed away also very suddenly.

Studies and lectures were this year more with the stress on our founders and on the future.

Many lodges had interesting lecturers and guest speakers.

As the school holidays were this year different in the provinces we found it difficult to arrange the Convention for a suitable time. So this year we had Convention around Ascension Day, which was also White Lotus Day—with the privilege to have our International President, Mr. John Coats, in our midst.

Our Convention at the sea-side in East London in the Holiday Inn was a great success and Mr. Coats delivered a

wonderful lecture on our theme "Theosophy—the Next Hundred Years". Also our studies and the different tapes were of great interest: our studies before Convention where we discussed the values of colour and sound—also the liberal arts and sciences.

The Quest Books are all received with great interest and book stewards enjoy dealing with them.

The President from Pretoria Lodge, who was also our National Treasurer, and his wife left us to settle in Adyar.

Our total membership is less than last year—395, but there is more life in the whole movement and that is very important.

I had to be in Holland for family reasons and took the opportunity to stay in Huizen for a few days. A talk with Mr. Brandt, General Secretary of Holland, and his wife was for me of great value.

The film "The Universal Flame" was well received and has been shown already in different lodges.

In connection with the T. O. S. I have received from lodges the report that there were many members active in different fields of service—reading for the blind, anti-vivisection, vegetarianism, organic soil movement, parcels for under privileged, cloths for the leprosy patients, visiting old age homes, etc. All are working in their own fields and live our brotherhood.

I have great confidence that where there is harmony and love, the Great Ones will assist us in our work.

ANNA BISCHOFF,  
General Secretary.

## SCOTLAND

Work in all four Scottish Lodges continued this year, although difficulty has been experienced in finding enough local lecturers to fill lecture syllabi: tape recordings have been borrowed from the English Section to help in this. A most useful feature of these tapes is that a theme can be chosen for a few weeks. The same subject dealt with by a number of speakers leads to a greater insight.

An interesting, and, it is hoped, useful feature of the year's programme was a "fringe" contribution to the Edinburgh Festival. The Edinburgh Lodge held an Exhibition project entitled "Symbolism, Its Esoteric Content," during the first two weeks of the Edinburgh International Festival, from August 25th till September 6th.

The exhibits consisted of photographic reproductions of old mystic symbols arranged in sections with a commentary, there being some eight sections consisting of nearly fifty photographs, also some specially prepared hand drawn material, and a series of seven woodcarvings entitled "The Planetary Seals".

The Exhibition met with a considerable degree of success, and we were surprised to find that most of those who attended were Edinburgh people. Indeed one of

the most valuable rewards of the project was the interest shown by the general public in what we were doing and we were able to collect a number of names for our mailing list. The number of people attending was far in excess of 100.

There has also been an encouraging increase in the number of young members in the Edinburgh Lodge.

A new venture has started in Aberdeen, where a meditation group has been in progress for some months. This is not for T.S. members only, but is attended by members of other groups in the City.

I would like at this time to pay a short tribute to Mrs. Frances Pape. She has been connected with the Society in Scotland, since she joined in 1909, while in her teens. It would not be too much to say that Theosophy has been her whole life in this sixty-six year span. She has always played a leading part in the life of the National Society and in that of Edinburgh Lodge, along with her husband, Captain A. G. Pape, who died ten years ago. She has ably managed the library of 10,000 books, and has met with many of the leaders of the Society, from Colonel Olcott onwards.

J. G. MITCHELL,  
*General Secretary.*

## SWITZERLAND

There are not many changes in the activity of the Swiss Section since our last report.

The number of members increased by seven in this year and we have now 240 members. The number of the lodges decreased by one.

The Annual Convention of the Section was held in the spring in Basle, about 45

members attending. A symposium was organized under the title: "The Last 25 Years," Mrs. Janine Parisod and Mr. Jan van de Poll speaking in French, Mrs. Zwygart and Mr. Paul Hasler in German.

The General Secretary was invited to lecture in Lyon and Grenoble and a prominent member of Geneva, Mrs. Mir-Tabatabai, also gave lectures abroad.

Mrs. Claire Wyss, on her side, gave lectures in German in many countries.

On the other hand, we have had the pleasure to have the visit of some foreign lecturers: Mr. Poray (France), Dr. Meyer-Dohm (Germany), Prof. Schmid (Germany), Dr. Lauppert (Austria), etc.

Mr. Georges Tripet, in his capacity of President of the Organization Committee of the Jubilee of the International Centre of Huizen, went many times to Holland. The preparation of the journey to Adyar

for the Centenary Convention was a success: about 40 people from Switzerland, France, Belgium and Morocco intend to go with the Swiss party to India.

The Meyer Fund continued to collaborate financially in the publication of books in foreign languages. It helped also the Y. T. Movement and theosophical institutions.

GEORGES TRIPET,  
*General Secretary.*

## BELGIUM

During the past year we have encountered unexpected difficulties including the resignation of the General Secretary on 21.11.74 and the dissolution of a lodge on 14.6.75.

Between these two dates, the Administrative Board had the task of settling a state of affairs which was getting worse.

The usual activities, however, have continued regularly but it is necessary to add that there are preparations:

1. for a new lodge in the town of Charleroi;

2. for a French speaking region Summer School (Summer School of the 'Pays Latins');

3. for the celebrations of the Centenary of the Society;

4. for the representatives of the Section to attend the World Congress in New York City and the International Convention at Adyar.

There are 271 members in the Section, a gain of three. There are ten Lodges.

CH. LALLEMAND,  
*Asst. General Secretary.*

## INDONESIA

In general the development of our work in Indonesia is not so smooth. The reason for this slow development is that mostly people in Indonesia are Moslems. More than 85% of the whole population are Moslems, about 10% Christian and 5% Buddhist. The teaching of Theosophy is similar to Hinduism or Buddhism, but rather in contradiction to the Islamic teachings, as they do not believe in reincarnation and also the law of Karma as given by Theosophy.

Another hindrance is that the theosophical literature in the Indonesian language is scarce, so that the teaching cannot reach as far as for instance that of another religious movement can do. Loan funds from the NEPLFC had been received to publish *The Key to Theosophy* in Indonesian, but unfortunately after more than a year, we have not sold most of the books. We have printed 2,750 copies and have sold less than 1,000 copies, which means that we could not benefit from the

loan, as we could not get back the capital. But books on subjects such as meditation, creating character, etc., are the best sellers. We have sold more than 3,000 copies of both titles. That is why we will not dare to risk publishing *The Universal Flame*, even if we could have the possibility to obtain a loan from the same source. It seems that the taste in reading of most Indonesians is in mysticism or yoga.

We have established a Correspondence Course on Theosophy from a manuscript published by Adyar. After more than one year, we have only about 50 subscribers throughout Indonesia. It is a fact that Theosophy in Indonesia must have a powerful push from another source, for instance via radio, television, and other mass media. That pushing power could only be done if Perwathin has enough funds to put an advertisement in the magazines, newspapers, radios and TV. We think that it will be our future task to accomplish this.

Most of our Lodges have regular weekly meetings consisting of lectures to members and non-members, study-groups on *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Masters and the Path*, *Self Culture* and so on. Besides our annual congress we have also a kind of summer-school held in East Java every year in a cool climate.

For a long time we have also had an official organ of Perwathin called *Berita*

*P. B. Perwathin*, a monthly magazine for members and some non-members. We have distributed more than 200 copies every month.

We consider that the Indonesian youth does not like Theosophy. From the total of members we have only about 25% of younger members, whose age is below 40 years, and the other 75% are all members above 40.

The flow of administration, like periodical reports from our Lodges, does not run smoothly, as most of the Presidents of the Lodges are employees or business men, so that they always respond very slowly. This is why up to this day we could not finish the re-registration of membership to be sent to Adyar.

Finally in closing this report we would like to stress here, that even though our membership is not so big compared with the population of 133 million, still we are in a position to go on with our work, to dedicate to Theosophy as far as we can, so that more or less we can lighten the heavy karma of Indonesia. As long as there are 2 or 3 members who are worthy of our Lord's blessing, we are convinced that the flame of Theosophy will always give light and the warm spirit of Universal Brotherhood to the people of Indonesia.

R. S. SOEJATNO,  
*Presidential Agent.*

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## BURMA

The year under report opened with bright prospects for the all-round work of the Society. But owing to unexpected difficulties the prospects could not be realized in full. However, it is gratifying to note that much has been achieved in spite of the unexpected. The ground had

been tilled, the seeds had been sown. We need only to continue our tender care and the flowers and fruits will be assured.

*Membership.*—The Burma Section Theosophical Society is composed of six Lodges namely, (i) Olcott Lodge (ii) Youth Lodge (iii) Lotus Lodge (iv) Blavatsky

Lodge (v) Taungdwingyi Lodge and (vi) Magwe Lodge. The total number of members at the close of the year was 80, an increase of 17 members during the year. The increase is encouraging and augurs well for our future work. But, we should never forget that our effectiveness is truly derived not from numerical strength alone—although numerical strength is important if the organization as an effective channel is to endure—but from the determination of each member to make Theosophy a living reality in his life so that he becomes truly a centre of peace and harmony and also becomes fully aware of his individual responsibility for the good of the Society.

*Olcott Lodge.*—This Lodge continues to form the backbone of the Burma Section. Its capable and energetic Secretary introduced many innovations in the work of the Lodge, making it livelier than ever before. One notable feature in the activities of the Lodge during the period under report was the celebration of the Wesak and the Asala festivals for the first time in its history. A large number of well-wishers and sympathizers from among our Buddhist friends attended the festivals. This was a good sign for the success of our efforts to spread Theosophy wider and deeper in the country. For this the merit goes mainly to the Secretary of the Lodge and a group of young members who joined the Lodge recently. This group of young members also conducted regular group meditations on every Saturday evening to radiate thoughts of love around the world for the spiritual regeneration of mankind.

*Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo.*—After several years of ineffectual efforts by the Burma Section to obtain a fresh lease for the land on which the Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo, is situated, we are glad to report that we have received the lease applied for, valid for 30 years with effect from 1st

March 1974, through the good offices of Bro. U Maung Ko. The Burma Section records with deep appreciation the highly commendable services of Bro. U Mg Ko. There still remains much work to be done to resuscitate the Lodge. For this, concerted and sustained efforts will have to be made by all of us.

*Finance.*—The Audited Abstract of Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended 30th September 1975 shows an Opening Balance of K. 3,877-82 and Closing Balance of K. 4,276-58 with a surplus of K. 398-76 as against a deficit of K. 299-13 of the previous year.

*The Theosophical Order of Service.*—The Committee for the translation of *The Key to Theosophy* reported that owing to unforeseen technical difficulties the work could not be finished in time for the Centenary Celebrations. The Committee is proceeding with the work and hopes to finish it in a few months' time.

The Secretary of the Rangoon Theosophical Society inaugurated "The Universal Bank of Silent Service" for the year on Foundation Day (17-11-74). The idea was that anyone with anything to spare merely pledge that "thing," be it a garment, a pot, a pair of socks, etc., etc., to the "Bank" in writing. The Pledge becomes a "deposit." This "thing" may be drawn in favour of anyone in need, by any member applying in person or in writing to the Bank, which will then hand over the thing to the beneficiary or to the applying member of the Lodge. The "things" include one's spare time for personal service, e.g., to teach a deserving student regularly as often as the case may be. The motto of the Bank is "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand does."

*Sixty-second Annual Convention.*—This was held on 27th October 1974, at the Olcott Lodge, No. 102, 49th Street, Rangoon. Members with their families

and friends numbering a total of 35 attended the Convention. Bro. U San Maung of Magwe was to give the first Convention lecture "The Theosophist and the Hidden Laws of Nature," but as he could not attend the Convention for reasons of health, the lecture was read by Bro. U Kyaw Sein on his behalf. The second Convention lecture "Centenary Eve" was given by Bro. A. Peters. The subject for the symposium was "Theosophy during the Last Ninety-nine Years."

We deeply regret to report the death of 3 old members, (1) Bro. U Kyaw Hla of Lotus Lodge, Mandalay; (2) Bro. Reverend U Revata (a) U Maung Maung Hmin of Webu Hills, Kyaukse, a former President of the Lotus Lodge, Mandalay; and (3) Bro. Daw Hmwe Lone of the Rangoon Theosophical Society; and a new member, Bro. U San Khin of the Rangoon Theosophical Society. May their Souls rest in peace.

*Conclusion.*—The success of the work of an organization mainly depends upon the feeling of unity born of understanding and brotherliness among its members. Individual members may have high attainments in many other directions, but if this sterling quality is lacking in a Society, nothing worthwhile can be achieved by it. However splendid the visions that

inspire our work, however imposing the programmes developed within the Society, no work or activity could go forward if this essential element is absent. Failures, disruptions and breakdowns in institutional works may quite often be traced to the lack of this element. As an antidote to this we have underscored "The Brotherhood of Humanity" as the first object of our Society. This object "The Brotherhood of Humanity" is not merely an idle phrase, nor an intellectual edifice fashioned to adorn or beautify the Society. It is based on a fundamental fact of existence, the Unity of Life, which is to be progressively realized in the depths of one's consciousness and expressed in an increasing fullness in one's every day relationships with one's fellow beings. It will be well for us all to keep this firmly in our minds and make it a fact in our life. Much work lies ahead of us to do. If we have this sense of unity in any degree, we can be equal to any task that may come to us. As Theosophy is infinite in extent and fathomless in depth, our triple task of search, realization and expression of it may have to go on for ever and ever. Brothers, let us be equal to it.

KYAW SEIN,  
General Secretary

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## AUSTRIA

Activities went on during the last year in the usual manner; it was rather a good year. A new Branch was founded in the Western part of Austria at Dornbirn. Membership shows a slight increase.

At the Regional Summer School at Pichl there were this year fewer members, probably because—due to the Centenary Celebrations of the German Section at

Bad Homburg in August—there were a smaller number of German members attending. Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith, Chairman of the European Federation, attended part of the Summer School and visited Graz afterwards.

The undersigned attended a meeting of the Regional Committee at Basle in February and the German Centenary in August.



The publishing work of the Adyar-Verlag increased greatly this year. Four books were published; two books, viz., translations of *An Abridgement of the Secret Doctrine* and E. L. Gardner's *Fairies* in co-production with the T. P. H. London, and further a translation of *Dynamics of the Psychic World* (Quest Book) and a third edition of the German translation of *Light on the Path*. Sales have nearly doubled. The November

number of our quarterly *Adyar* will be the official Jubilee-Number and appear in 60 pages size instead of the usual 32 pages.

The official Centenary celebrations of the Austrian Section will take place at Vienna on the weekend of 15th/16th November.

DR. NORBERT LAUPPERT,  
*General Secretary.*

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## NORWAY

The Norwegian Section has been working steadily and peacefully last year. At the turn of the year the theosophical publication *Teosofi i Norden* became a purely Swedish/Norwegian undertaking, as the Danish Section started its own periodical magazine from 1975. The Swedish/Norwegian *Teosofi i Norden* now appears quarterly, each Section contributing half of the volume which is as extensive as before. Most of the articles and translations in the Norwegian part are edited by Mr. Arne Hansen. Besides, the writer last year has started a smaller publication *Mini-TiN* for the members of the Norwegian Section, intended for internal communication and news to promote the contact within the Section.

In March, 1975 the election of a new General Secretary took place, and Mrs. Hilda Fraser will take over this office from the 28th September, 1975.

In addition to the ordinary work of the Lodges, there has been activity of smaller groups. The writer has had a Saturday group for "Introduction of Theosophy to Beginners", and a bigger group of mainly young people has been gathering regularly in Oslo. Miss Ingunn Rognlien has been in charge of the library and book sales at the Section's office. Three members passed away last year but three new members have joined the Section, so the complete membership is again 138.

RUTH WESSEL-NIELSEN,  
*General Secretary.*

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## EGYPT

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## DENMARK

The past year has been a year of expansion and hard work for those members who have helped to arrange and set up our different activities which have mostly been centred at our headquarters in Copenhagen.

Every Tuesday and Saturday we have public lectures. A series of lectures on Tuesdays has the main title "Theosophy—a Philosophy of Life," and are presented by a few experienced lecturers and members. On Saturdays we have more mixed titles, and often we invite lecturers from related movements or members from the province to come and speak. Our public lectures are well attended, and many new people show up all the time. Courses in astrology, yoga and depth psychology ended in the beginning of springtime, and new ones are being planned for the autumn.

In fact our new lecture hall is being used very much as we let it out to related movements and especially to the municipality of Copenhagen which together with municipalities all over the country arrange very inexpensive courses for anyone interested, covering almost any subject. At our Centre we have lessons in yoga, relaxation, depth psychology, etc., and most of the teachers are T.S. members paid by the state. This also means that hundreds of people are visiting our Centre during the week to attend lessons and thereby have the opportunity to pick up folders and learn about our public lectures and other activities.

Our public library is well used by members as well as non-members, and we have an increasing book-sale as a result of a better organisation and more advertising. We have especially sold many copies of our newly published *Key to Theosophy* by Madame Blavatsky to libraries all over the country which we

have contacted. At the present time we are preparing the publication of *The Universal Flame* in co-operation with Norway and Sweden, and it will appear in the three Scandinavian languages.

Most of the 15 lodges have been active during the year and lodge members meet regularly. Of these 15 lodges two have been founded this year. One lodge was established in Horsens on the 1st March, and I had the privilege to take part in the opening together with many enthusiastic members. Horsens, which is situated in Jutland, has had a theosophical lodge some years ago. During the year I have visited the group several times and thanks to Mr. Preben Schmidt's eager effort a new lodge can be formed, he being elected as the first lodge president.

On the 6th of April an interesting new lodge called Shanti was formed in Copenhagen. It consists of yoga teachers who feel that Theosophy can be a fine supplement to the hatha yoga exercises.

One of the great events this year was the launching of our new magazine *Teosofia* which is published each month except June and July. The front page is a marvellous sun in yellow, orange and pink rising from the sign of Aquarius, a good symbol of the optimism of the Danish Section. The lay-out is up-to-date with many illustrations and articles covering a wide range of subjects within our field. As a new thing a "theosophical" crossword puzzle was introduced to teach the readers occult words and synonyms in a new and funny way. Some old members protested because they were not used to seeing crossword puzzles in theosophical magazines, and finally we dropped the idea. But when we stopped even more protested against that. After all we find that

we have a good interchange with our readers who often send us articles for consideration and publication or who send in responses to articles. At present the circulation is around 1,000 copies, but we hope to be able to increase the copies considerably in the coming year.

The theme of our summer school which took place at Gammel Praestegaard from 2nd-9th August was "To Find One's Bearing in Reality." Our guests of honour were Mrs. Rukmini Devi and Mr. Peter Hoffman. The gathering was blessed with both physical and spiritual sunshine from dawn to sunset. In fact the weather was so sunny and warm that our guests of honour as well as most participants had to cool off in the nearby sea a few times every day. During the week we all experienced a wonderful close relationship and found out as usual that this was the very best summer school we had.

Our convention took place in Copenhagen on the 25-27th April, and members

from all parts of the country took part in it. An excursion to the Danish Aquarium which has many exciting sea fish was arranged one of the days.

The increase in numbers of new, and we think, very fine members, has been considerable during the year, in fact, the highest for decades. Sixty-eight joined the Section or more than 20%. Two members resigned, 5 passed away and 10 dropped out giving a total number of members of 355.

As a whole the past year has been a very active one, and there has been a fine interchange among lodges as well as members. I have been touring the country and other members have visited lodges in the provinces and vice versa, so we think that the past year has been a fine preparation for the coming Centenary, and looking into the near future we feel sure that even more people in our part of the world will benefit from the light that Theosophy may throw on their way.

PREBEN SÖRENSEN.  
*General Secretary,*

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## IRELAND

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## MEXICO

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## CANADA

Inevitably, each passing year takes the toll of active T.S. workers. Sadly, we open this report by recording the death in June of Dudley W. Barr. He had been a dedicated member for nearly sixty years; a former General Secretary of The Theosophical Society in Canada; and

former Editor of *The Canadian Theosophist*. Dudley Barr was a devoted student of Theosophy, and for as long as his health allowed, worked tirelessly for the Society.

One of the highlights of the year's activities was a lecture tour of Canadian centres by Geoffrey Farthing, former

General Secretary of The Theosophical Society in England. This was his second Canadian tour, and proved even more successful than the first. In some cities it was possible to interest the media in his presence, and a number of productive TV, radio and press interviews resulted.

From 1919, when The Theosophical Society in Canada was formed, to this year, the Canadian General Executive had invariably met in Toronto. It was an historic occasion, therefore, when in July this committee met in Vancouver, British Columbia. It is hoped that it will be possible occasionally to hold such meetings in various centres of western Canada.

Business trips occasionally enable the General Secretary to visit the far-flung Canadian centres. Such visits might otherwise be inhibited by the lack of available time and finances. During the year he was fortunate to have the opportunity of meeting briefly with members of Montreal, Edmonton, Vancouver and Orpheus Lodges.

"The Universal Flame," the latest Quest film, was purchased from the T.S. in America. Together with "How Many Lifetimes" and "Reincarnation," it is available for free loan anywhere in Canada.

TED G. DAVY,  
*General Secretary.*

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## ARGENTINA

During October and November, 1974, the national programme included three cities: Córdoba, where a Course on "The Basic Ideas of Occult Wisdom" was given by members from different places, covering 5 week-ends; Bahía Blanca, with visiting lecturers during 3 week-ends; and Mendoza, where the General Secretary gave courses and lectures for several weeks.

Members of the General Council were present in most centres of the country at Foundation Day, participating actively in the local celebrations.

In 1975, the activities started in the first month of the year with two Camps: one of them organized by Lodge "Himalaya" (Río Cuarto) and the other by the Argentine Federation of Young Theosophists. Both were held in the province of Córdoba. The General Secretary attended both of them, taking an active part in the study. People could enjoy the beauty of nature and helped to create a highly fraternal atmosphere.

No Summer School could be held this year, due to the difficulty in getting an adequate hotel. However, the Annual Congress was held in the city of Rosario, at Easter, followed by a four-day national meeting. Administrative affairs were considered at the Convention and plans for the Centenary Year were made up. Two public lectures were delivered at the meetings that followed, both having a large attendance; besides, we had the usual morning meditation and study groups. During these days, members had meals together and the meetings were closed by a boat trip along the wide Paraná River and a picnic on one of the Delta islands.

Courses and lectures were delivered by the General Secretary in Mendoza and San Rafael in May, covering the whole month. One of the outstanding features was a Course on Comparative Religions. These activities ended in a three-day national meeting, with representatives from several provinces,

some of whom delivered lectures or spoke at a main Symposium.

Regional meetings were held in Tucumán, a city in the northern part of the country, at the end of June. Free leaflets and reading material were distributed among the audience, quite large at every meeting.

Several other cities were visited by national speakers, in an effort to disseminate Theosophy in this special year. Everywhere, publicity was made through the newspapers, radio and television. Books were sold at every place; it is worth mentioning that, during the first six months of the year, the sale of our literature reached record figures.

The difficult economic crisis, starting in June, weakened the national programme a little. Anyway, the essential acts were carried on. At the moment, national meetings are being held in Buenos Aires, which will be followed by a Doctrinary Congress organized by the Inter-American Theosophical Federation, with the attendance of members from Brazil, Uruguay, Bolivia and Paraguay.

From April onwards, several public lectures were delivered in the city of La Plata, distant 40 miles from Buenos Aires. As a result of this, a study group is working there, with the assistance of members from Buenos Aires who travel to that place every week. Approximately ten persons make up the study group, with the intention of becoming a lodge in the future.

Another important feature is the work carried on in Asunción, Paraguay. As a result of it, the small group of members attached to the Argentine Section has increased and has at present submitted an

application to Adyar in order to become a lodge. Paraguay was, up to now, the only country in the Americas without a theosophical lodge. In this way, it has become incorporated to the Movement in the year of the Centenary.

Three new lodges received their charters this year: "Clara Codd," in Buenos Aires; "Renovación," in Godoy Cruz, Province of Mendoza; and "Orfeo," in San Juan, this one as a result of several years of continuous work by members from different parts of the country, especially from Mendoza. This is the first theosophical lodge in San Juan, a province in the West, and we hope it becomes the nucleus of future centres of study in that region.

One of the lodges, "Isis," was dissolved due to the passing away of some of the people and the change of address of some others. Its members worked hard for many years, supporting heartily the National Movement.

In the following months of the year, regional meetings will be held in one more place: Río Cuarto.

The different lodges in the Section, most of which have kept in close touch with the General Secretary, are carrying on their own activities with enthusiasm, and are getting ready to celebrate Foundation Day properly. To end up this report, it is necessary to mention that, as an impulse of the Centenary, membership has been particularly large this year.

May the years to come find us united and enthusiastic as in the present time, always ready to devote our energies to this blessed work.

JUAN VIÑAS,  
*General Secretary.*

## CHILE

The activities of the lodges in Chile from 30 June 1974 to 1st July 1975 were irregular owing to the situation of the country as well as human failure. In spite of these circumstances lectures were held in the Society's quarters at Santiago and Valparaiso.

The branches, which came under my leadership, were studying theosophical authors, yoga, talks and articles of Mr. Sri Ram. These were read and commented upon, whereupon the members expressed their opinions. Each meeting began and finished with a meditation. Public lectures were announced by the press.

Actually, basic courses on Theosophy have been organized and are attended by numerous people.

For the forthcoming celebrations in November we are planning six evening meetings distributed between Santiago and Valparaiso with slides on thought forms and selected music, which performance will bring about a regeneration of the Society. We have already got some new members in our Section.

The visits of brothers from abroad are always exerting a great impact on the people. This was noted at the visits of Br. John Coats, Sis. Radha Burnier and some brothers from Argentina.

At the meeting of the Managing Committee last Sunday it was decided to affiliate the Chile Section to the Inter-American Federation.

RAQUEL ESCOBEDO DE MODROW,  
*General Secretary.*

## BRAZIL

*Generalities.*—The Theosophical Society in Brazil is located in a country of 8,511,000 k<sup>2</sup>, with 110 million inhabitants. The enormous distances make difficult a greater proximity among the several centres. Notwithstanding this fact, there are 37 lodges spread over the National Territory localized in 17 cities, and 6 centres of studies, besides an active work in gathering together the youngsters done by The Brazilian Young Theosophical Federation. Moreover, the presentation of Theosophy counts on the support of "Fundação Centro Raja" and "Instituição Teosófica Pitágoras", both in São Paulo.

The present period is characterized by an intense dynamization of the work of The Theosophical Society after the transfer of its seat from São Paulo to Rio de Janeiro on November 17th, 1973.

Rapidly the seat of Rio de Janeiro was adapted to its new functions. The donation by Sister Dolores Nascimento Bracet of a group of rooms on the same floor as The Theosophical Society was of great help. These rooms were adapted to be the Director's office.

In numeric terms we are now 1,319 active members, representing an increase of 26.9% compared to last year.

Presently at the seat of the National Section, in Rio, an average of 60 people attend our meetings, when previously there were only 15-20. There is also a great revival of courses attended by youngsters and by a great number of people with university degrees. We believe that 1975 will be a decisive landmark in the history of the Theosophical Society all over the world and particularly in Brazil.



*Development of the Work.*—Besides the work done in Rio, we have to describe what occurs in other States of Brazil: In São Paulo we have "Fundação Centro Raja" (Raja Foundation Centre) localized at 27 km. from that city. A handicraft school, the Kalakshetra work, the Round Table and other internal movements are functioning there. At the Raja Centre, the National Section of The Theosophical Society has held a Winter School with the presence of Brother Luís Spairani, President of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation, and Brother Juan Viñas, General Secretary of the Argentinian Section. Brothers from various countries of South America as well as from Brazil attended the School. In São Paulo there is also "Instituição Teosófica Pitágoras" where function many lodges and internal movements.

The work registered in other Brazilian States has been intense, demonstrating a great vitality in the sessions of their lodges.

*Ecumenism.*—The Brazilian Section has done a great work of drawing the leaders of several religious movements of the country close. The Catholic Church took part in that work, and it was represented by several priests who lectured perfectly in sympathy with the spirit of Theosophy.

We have also received the visit of Swami Purnabodhananda, from the Amritananda Saraswati Satya Nandashnam Yoga Centre, localized in Bogotá, Colombia; of Professor Raymond Panikar, teacher of Comparative Religions of Harvard University, U.S.A.

From Buddhism, we had the visit of the Venerable Eishin Hashimoto, Superior of the Hosso Buddhism School, Nara, Japan, and post-graduate teacher of Tokyo University.

Brother Murillo Nunes de Azevedo lectured on theosophical matters at the

Great Synagogue and Catholic Temples both in Rio de Janeiro and Belo Horizonte.

*Important Visitors.*—Many times the staff of the Indian Embassy in Brazil took part in our sessions. I would like to mention the frequent presence of the former Ambassador, His Excellency Pritti Singh, and of the present Ambassador, His Excellency Narendra Singh.

*Renovation of our Headquarters.*—The seat of the National Section in Rio de Janeiro, property of The Theosophical Society, is localized on two floors of a building in the centre of the city, having a great panoramic view. It has 100 upholstered chairs, loud speaker and all modern audio-visual equipment. It has also two little auditoria for study groups and private facilities for the secretarial work of the National Section, as well as a little apartment for lodging eventual visitors.

*Publications.*—The success of the diffusion of Theosophy depends mainly on the publication of theosophical books by the most well-known Brazilian publishers. Previously our editions were made with great sacrifice for the National Section and the books were not of good quality and did not reach the great public in the way that the publishing houses are able to do. At present we have agreements with "Civilização Brasileira," which created a series entitled "Theosophical Library," with "Editora Pensamento", "Editora Tres" and others.

Among the recent publications I can cite: *The Secret Doctrine*, in 6 volumes, *The Voice of the Silence*, *The Eternal Wisdom*, *The Key to Theosophy*, all by H. P. Blavatsky; *Introduction to Yoga*, by Annie Besant; *Man, Whence, How and Whither*, *The Chakras*, all by Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater; *The Conquest of the Eternal*, by Felix Bermudes, and *Basic Theosophy Course*, by Emogene Simons.

Furthermore are being published the following books: *The Extraordinary Life*

of Blavatsky, by A. P. Sinnett, *The Hidden Side of Things*, by C. W. Leadbeater, *The Ancient Wisdom* and *Dharma*, by Annie Besant.

Besides those books, articles on theosophical subjects have been published in newspapers and magazines.

I must emphasize the return of our official magazine *O Teosofista*, of which the first issue was published back in 1911 and which constitutes a vital element of liaison among our brother theosophists spread all over Brazil.

*Commemorations.*—The Theosophical Society has celebrated the traditional commemorations of its existence always with a good attendance. I wish to mention especially the festivities of January 1st, held with a great sense of fraternity.

The Wesak Festival has been intensively commemorated because there is a great number of Buddhists among the members of Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo. There is always an exhibition of Buddhist statues, slides, music, etc.

*Thanks.*—I wish to give my best thanks for the good work done by the members of the Directory and the Administration Councils who permitted the realization of the work. Without the work of this group the development of our National Section would not be possible. I am sure that the year of 1975 will be a landmark of affirmation and progress for The Theosophical Society in Brazil.

MURILLO NUNES DE AZEVEDO,  
*General Secretary.*

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## BULGARIA

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## ICELAND

At the end of the last period Mr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson retired from the position of General Secretary of the Icelandic Section, and was succeeded by Mr. Karl Sigurdsson, who continues in the same line as Mr. Hjálmarsson.

The Icelandic Section is now composed of 13 lodges with 611 members. One lodge was dissolved. 32 people joined the Section in the course of the season, 7 died, 58 resigned and 39 were taken off the records.

The propaganda of theosophical thought was effected chiefly through the publication of the periodical *Gangleri* which has now become one of the most widely read and known magazines in the country. The subscribers are more

numerous than ever before, and the contents seem to meet with good response. The last three years a propaganda campaign was made in order to increase the number of subscribers and general readers. A small informative leaflet was printed in order to acquaint the general public with the theosophical magazine and sent to sixty thousand individuals by direct mail. As a result many hundreds of new subscribers were added and our magazine is now issued in 2500 copies. The last issue is sold out.

In our informative leaflet we underline that *Gangleri* is a magazine for those who enquire, and for those who are interested in totally unbiased observations. The word "theosophy" never occurs

in the text of the leaflet where simple vocabulary is used to attract people's attention to those problems that theosophists wish to acquaint themselves with, namely, the riddle of life and consciousness in the Universe. We have now sent this leaflet into every single home in Iceland.

Two summer schools were held: in Akureyri and Fludir.

In the course of this season, the Society bought a little offset-printing machine and published two books.

The main task this season has been repair of the Society's house at Ingólfsstraeti 22, Reykjavik. It is now nearly finished but has been very expensive.

KARL SIGURDSSON,  
*General Secretary.*

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## SPAIN

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## PORTUGAL

The year under review has seen a steady continuation of the work in the Portuguese Section.

We have celebrated, as always, all great Theosophical events, such as "Founders Day", "Adyar Day" and "White Lotus Day". We maintained public meetings at the Headquarters almost every week.

Among the chief lectures and symposia, we must refer to the following:

Prof. Délio Nobre Santos gave a very interesting lecture about "Introduction to Yoga" and directed a symposium about "Theosophy and Science"; Dr. Maria Beatriz Serpa Branco directed a symposium on "Education"; Dr. Maria Guilhermina Nobre Santos, the signer of this report, directed a symposium on "Life and Conscience according to the Perspectives of Theosophy"; a young Theosophist—João Manuel Firmino organized a symposium about "Music."

Concerning lectures, we must say that among our young people there is a great tendency to avoid this kind of cultural

activity and to prefer study groups or symposia.

Nevertheless, during the year, and from the opening of our activities in October, Dr. Cesina Bermudes in the public meetings of her Lodge ("Annie Besant"), presented in a Portuguese translation all the lectures given at the Summer School of Vittel, which were commented upon by the members who attended them.

This work was a very important contribution, as it gave to the members who were unable to attend the Summer School, the opportunity to appreciate the lectures in our language.

In November we had the pleasure to receive the visit of a member of the English Section, Dr. K. J. Kabraji, who came invited by us, and who gave us a good contribution to the celebration of "Foundation Day." He lectured also on other days, on "Reincarnation and Karma", "Introduction to *The Secret Doctrine*" and "Letters of the Masters of Wisdom", all of them followed by "colloquium". He participated also in the activities of the lodges

in Lisbon and in Oporto, where he gave another lecture about the "Founders of the T.S."

During the Christmas Festival, we had at the Headquarters a beautiful party, a public one, offered by the Evora Lodge, which is directed by our Vice-President, Dr. Maria Beatriz Serpa Branco, consisting of music, a puppet-show, poetry, and so on. The Lodge Evora is developing this line of theosophical activity with great enthusiasm.

Concerning the lodges, our Section kept the same number (13) as in the last report, but some of them are almost dormant, especially one in the North of Portugal—Lodge "Krishnamurti," and Lodge "Isis" in Lisbon, though sometimes some of its members work in the meetings of Lodges "Lotus Branco" and "Koot Hoomi," which continue working together.

In spite of these little difficulties, we had nine lodges—"Pitagoras", "Annie Besant", "Maitreya", "Fraternidade", "Lotus Branco", "Koot Hoomi", "Boa Vontade", "Dharma", "Amor, Verdade e Beleza", working in full activity during all the year under report and we hope that those which are weak may strengthen their activities soon.

During the meetings of Lodges "Koot Hoomi" and "Lotus Branco," Prof. Délio N. Santos spoke about "The Influence of Esoteric Aspects of Theosophy on the Interpretation of Christian Tradition," and Dr. Maria Guilhermina Nobre Santos conducted a study group on "The Work, The Masters and the Way."

As an activity of Lodge "Annie Besant," Dr. Cesina Bermudes organized some theosophical meetings in the country, in order to develop theosophical and fraternal feelings among the members.

Concerning the Summer Schools, two of our members could attend the meetings of the Jubilee at Huizen: Prof. Délio Santos and our young Sister Maria Isabel Nobre Santos, who spoke in the name of Brazilian and Portuguese young people in a special meeting about "Ahimsa."

The same members and the General Secretary attended the English Summer School at High Leigh.

Finally, twelve members of the Portuguese Section could assist in the meetings of the Summer School in Brussels, presided over by the General Secretary of the Section. Most of them took an active part in the meetings, lecturing—specially invited by the Organizing Committee of the Summer School, and in the study groups.

It was the first time, in recent years, that so many members of our Section could go abroad to take part in theosophical activities.

After summer holidays, our Section will begin the new theosophical year on the 4th October, and, as usual, we plan to have public meetings every fortnight. We intend to celebrate the "Theosophical Centenary." So, for this purpose, we have a special programme integrating all the meetings in October and in November under the general subject "One Hundred Years of Theosophy".

Concerning membership, we had 199 on 1st October 1974 and at present we have 214.

So, I finish this report, stating with pleasure, that our Section is now increasing and developing well.

(DR.) MARIA GUILHERMINA  
NOBRE SANTOS,  
*General Secretary.*

## WALES

It is a pleasure to be able to record a very full year of work by the officers and members of the Theosophical Society in Wales.

After many years of steady decline in membership the tide turned in 1973 and we have, during the present year, once again reached the magical three figures and can report a membership of 103. This is very encouraging in every way.

The projected Centre on the Isle of Anglesey (which has reverted to its ancient Welsh name of Ynys Mon) has become a reality, with eight members, and weekly meetings are held in the home of one of the members. At Swansea, after a short series of introductory talks, a small group of members are a focal point for future work, and during the coming winter, the General Secretary hopes to be able to arrange talks at Newport, Gwent, in an effort to revive the Lodge which once was there.

The Fifty-second Convention was held in Cardiff early in October 1974, and the Guest of Honour was Mrs. Joan Bowers of the English Section. Within the theme of

"The Embracing Laws," Mrs. Bowers followed the cyclic patterns of the creative and universal aspects of law during her lectures, and combined with her modern approach a depth of warmth and wisdom which not only gained her a lasting place in the affection of members, but encouraged further private study of the lines of modern scientific thinking.

During the year, further work upon the publicity exercise to draw attention to the Centenary Celebrations has been done but it has not been without its difficulties and it remains to be seen whether the end product will equal the effort put in. However, without making the effort, we can expect no publicity!

In conclusion, we can truly claim that after many years of apparently unrewarded effort, the Theosophical Society in Wales can go into the second century of work stronger, and with an enthusiasm that only a few years ago would have been thought impossible.

CHARLES JAMES,  
*General Secretary.*

## POLAND

No Report

## URUGUAY

Our Society celebrated the 50th anniversary of its foundation in Uruguay on 7th January, 1975. We had special gatherings and general meetings at our Headquarters and in our Library Hall for three days. Our guests were Mr. Luis Spairani, President of the Federacion Teosofica Inter-americana, his wife

Nora and several members of the Argentine Section. We had a good attendance of public and members.

We also celebrated the great days of the Society, 17th November 1975, gathering and delivery of Diplomas to new members, Adyar Day and 8th May, White Lotus Day.

The annual Convention of our Section was held on 16th August 1975 with an attendance of 36 members representing the eleven lodges. I read the annual report on the work done during the period of September 1974-August 1975. The administrative work was very intense this year. On the 18th October we had an Extraordinary General Assembly to make a readjustment of some resolutions taken at the Annual Convention of 16th August.

Our Section developed all its activities within the framework of the National Laws of Uruguay and followed the statements of our Rules and Regulations.

In December 1974 the elected Vice-President, Mr. Luis Sarthou, resigned on account of having been seriously ill. A few months later, he recovered his health and resumed the theosophical work as the President of the "Ariel" Lodge and as a consequence Mr. Sarthou asked for re-appointment to the position of Vice-President. The General Council called a special meeting, and accepted his re-admission to the Vice-Presidency.

Another matter which had been causing anxiety to our Section was the case brought by the owner of the Library Hall several years ago, in order to cancel the lease of the Hall to our Society. The official judge closed the trial with a resolution favourable to our Society. Therefore we can continue working there, where the Society has been working for many years.

As I will be unable to attend either the World Congress in New York or the Centenary Convention at Adyar in December I appointed Mr. Mario Dobal to represent the Uruguay Section officially and to present our greetings at these significant events. Moreover, Mr. Mario Dobal will be my Proxy at the Fifth Congress of the Federacion Teosofica Interamericana to be held in New York on 18th November 1975.

Our Section will celebrate the Centenary of the World Society from 4th to 17th November 1975 with daily meetings in which each of the lodges of our Section will participate to offer its homage. On the date of the Centenary we will have a big general meeting. It is in the programme that a member of each lodge reads aloud a thought, and expresses a wish. Furthermore, we have arranged a cycle of lectures for the general public every Saturday, given by several members of the different lodges and this will close on 27th December.

*Membership.*—The total membership is now 181. Forty-five new members joined and there were six re-admissions up to 30th September, 1975.

During this period the total outgoing members were 83. This decrease does not mean that all the outgoing members have lost interest in the teachings of Theosophy but many of them cannot attend their lodge meetings and they have not paid their fees to our Treasurer for over a year. Others, although they are not active members, come to public lectures now and then and are still interested in the study of Theosophia. Others have gone abroad.

*Lodges.*—This year has been dedicated to the Centenary of the World Society. All the lodges had special meetings to commemorate the Centenary. The lodges have been working actively during the year. The eleven lodges have had their meetings once a week, having studied books such as the *Wisdom of the Upanishads*, *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Key to Theosophy*, *Karma and Reincarnation*, books by Krishnamurti and Clara Codd. Some lodges joined to give a cycle of public lectures and to publish newsletters with transcriptions of writings of our leaders. Others organized theosophical camps during the Summer. We have made propaganda by radio and



newspapers about the activities of our Section.

*Magazine.*—I published *Teosofia en Uruguay* of which number eight appeared in July 1975. It is delivered free to members and visitors. We subscribe to *America Teosofica*, quarterly magazine issued by the Federacion Teosofica Interamericana. We are also subscribers to *El Teosofista* translated by S. Wehbe of Argentina, from *The Theosophist* published in Adyar.

*Library.*—The New Librarian, Mrs. Elba A. Saez, has worked actively during the whole year. She was willing on all occasions to give attention to all the members who attend our Library, particularly this year, when they have been greatly interested in reading the outstanding books of our leaders.

Thanks to the donation received from a member of our Section, we could produce a card to commemorate the Centenary, and this is also delivered free to the membership.

We have made up a parchment paper to do homage to the founders Mme. Helena P. Blavatsky and Colonel Henry S. Olcott and it shall be signed by all the membership on 17th November, 1975.

I deeply hope that in the time to come all the activities in our Section will have the brightness that our Society deserves in an effort to help all human beings of our present civilization.

JUSTO V. DE LA VEGA,  
General Secretary.

## PUERTO RICO

Several activities have taken place this year, as follows:

1. A total revision of our By-Laws. A copy of these By-Laws was sent to Adyar for revision and approval. As soon as we receive the revision we are going to call a Special Meeting for the approval of any suggested changes.

2. We have been making radio talk translations from English into Spanish for our radio programme. These radio talks, by the way, have brought in a good number of inquiries.

3. From 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. on Sundays, a public meeting in our Section Building is held and has been well accepted by members and non-members. Young people are coming to these meetings, and, because of their interest, we have decided to form a special young people's meeting, to take place every Friday night from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. It has been a successful group.

4. Our Section Review *Heraldo Teosofico* is well known, and almost every day we get new subscribers.

5. Donations of theosophical books to high level educational and cultural institutions have been made.

6. Another study group was organized. It meets on Thursday night from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

7. A special radio interview of 30 minutes was carried out through the Government Education Broadcasting Station, with the theme "What is Theosophy and the Theosophical Society."

8. A remodelling and exterior paint job to our building was made.

9. At our Annual Convention held on April 20, 1975 we had very good attendance. A symposium entitled "Brotherhood" was presented.

10. Special programmes were prepared on November 17, 1974 and May 8, 1975. We consider commemorative days good

occasions to give special theosophical messages.

11. The Study Group in Ponce made an application to form a Branch.

12. In our membership meetings we are discussing the pamphlet that Mr. Coats sent us entitled "Members' Views on Work of the Theosophical Society; Discussions at American Camps." We are using the last Sunday each month for membership meetings, but the impor-

tance of these meetings is so great that we are thinking of another membership meeting some other day in the week.

13. We have twelve (12) new members in our Section. I hope that in the near future we can organize new Branches to replace the old Branches that were dissolved.

ARAMIS LÓPEZ TIRADO,  
General Secretary.

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## RUMANIA

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## YUGOSLAVIA

The Yugoslav Section now numbers 89 members, an increase of 13 on last year.

The work of the lodges—four in total—proceeds with meetings once a week or twice a month. As each lodge is autonomous the lodge presidents choose and prepare the material for lectures, studies and discussions.

Here is an example of the work of the Lodge Sklad (Harmony), Zagreb: the lodge meets once a week throughout the year with a break through the summer months. Its theme which is on the agenda is "The Occult Path of Our Daily Life" based on *At the Feet of the Master*. Discussions follow the lecture regularly and many questions are put. At the end of the discussions members are informed about the current events in the Theosophical Society in our country and abroad. During the year the memorable dates of the Society are observed.

The Lodge Harmony has two out-

standing translators, one very diligent typist, and one who puts the translations together and gives them to the bookbinder. The composer, as we used to call our staunch brother, Zdenko Hinković, was in his last years very active, but we regret very much his passing away on 6th April 1975. The Lodge's President Bro. Zvonimir Frlan is also Librarian of the Section.

The General Secretary also sends her translations to Lodge Harmony and other lodges and they are then copied and distributed among fellow-members.

The diagrams and drawings for our brochures and magazine called *Mladi Teozof* (Young Theosophist) are very aptly done by the President of the Lodge Harmony, Brother Žvonimir Frlan.

The Editor of the *Young Theosophist* is also a member of the Lodge Harmony in Zagreb, and although only of short standing, as he joined the Theosophical Society on 8th March 1973, he is already known through his active and diligent

engagement in the Cause of the Theosophical Society, not only in our country but also abroad. At a meeting of the Young Theosophists at the Huizen Centre, it was suggested that our young brother takes over the duties of the president of the European Federation of Young Theosophists.

Thanks to the active work of the members of the Lodge Harmony, members from other places such as Rijeka (3 members), Cacak (1 member), and Koprivnica (1 member) joined the Lodge Harmony. All these places are on territory of the Republic Croatia.

The Librarian of the Lodge Harmony receives from "Adyar-Verlag," Graz the magazine *Adyar* and distributes it to all lodges as there are subscribers for this magazine in every lodge. The library of the Lodge Harmony has very numerous books and they are circulating among members and non-members.

Other lodges work on a similar basis. The Centre Ljulav (Love) has merged with Lodge Istina (Truth) in Beograd. Meetings are held at the home of the President, Bro. Nikolas Brezinski. A new Centre has started in Rijeka with the three members attached to Lodge Sklad (Harmony), Zagreb. The other two lodges in the Section are Lodge Razumevanje (Understanding) in Celje, led by Bro. Branko Dobravs and Lodge Skuzanje (Service) in Ljubljana, whose President, Dr. Leon Krevel, is also Secretary of the Section.

The Annual Convention of the Section was held on 24th November 1974 at the seat of the Section in Ljubljana. Twenty-five members, two guests and eight young people interested in Theosophy were present.

We have got the permission from the Secretariat of Finance to remit our dues to Adyar and the European Federation.

The highlights of the Society's year was our first Summer School held from 4th to 14th July 1975 in the Slovenian area near wonderful mountains and the river Sava. Thirty-six members and sympathizers took part in our camp which celebrated 50 years of the Yugoslav Section of the Theosophical Society, and the 100 years of the International Theosophical Society; many lectures were delivered; joyous songs were sung, and all were supplied with good food prepared by our representative of the Order of Service, Sister Damjana Gec, who was most self-sacrificing through all the 10 days of our camping. At the end we decided to have more such Summer Schools where all—young and old and also middle aged—will meet. Our Emilio brought the news that there is interest abroad to organize the next international camp in our country. We shall think about this proposal and I believe all will agree to carry out this fine wish of our brothers abroad.

Our last yearly convention was held on 24th November 1974, the Executive Committee met on 24th Nov. 1974 and on 25th May 1975. Our next annual convention will be held in March 1976 when the election of a new general secretary and members of the Executive Committee will take place.

I have visited in the year under report, the lodges in Beograd twice, Zagreb three times, Ljubljana four times, members in Rijeka twice. I also attended and participated in the Summer School of the German Section at Bad Homburg from 2nd-9th August 1975. My group of 21 fellow-members took much interest in discussions on the theme which I chose for that occasion: "The Background of our Investigations—The Point". First the meaning of the Sanskrit word Bindu—Mano-Bindu and Maha Bindu—was explained. Then the properties of the mathematical point have been expounded, the third meeting

started with the explanation of the point according to *The Secret Doctrine*, and we ended the fourth meeting with the position of the point. The data were taken out of Dr. Taimni's book *Man, God and the Universe*. On that occasion

the members present were informed where to procure the above mentioned book, and also other books by Dr. Taimni.

MILA GRUBACEVIC,  
*General Secretary.*

## SRI LANKA

Lodges in this Section have had many difficulties in organising programmes. Our President, Bro. F.H.P. Joseph, left Sri Lanka for Australia and his duties were taken up by Bro T.R. Rustomjee.

We have also had a change when our National Secretary, Bro. Theja Gunawardhana, left Sri Lanka to take up duties as Ambassador for the Republic of Sri Lanka in Pakistan. Bro. Melodie de Silva acts as National Secretary.

A few lodges like Besant Lodge, Lotus Lodge and Shanti Marga (Galle) Lodge have been keen and active. Santhane Lodge, Kandy, has just started work and the number of enrolled members is small.

Lodge reports have not been received and it is hoped that administrative details will be facilitated in the year ahead.

The theme for the year for Besant Lodge was "Theosophy in a Changing World," which led up to the Annual Seminar organized with the National Section as in previous years.

Total membership is approximately 75 paid-up members. Statistics for the year have not been received and the feasibility of combining the activities of all lodges in Colombo as a single lodge will have to be explored at the Annual Meeting next year.

T. R. RUSTOMJEE,  
*General Secretary.*

## GREECE

The Greek Theosophical Section has been working regularly during the whole year. Only during the summer months the lodges are closed when most of the members take their vacations.

During the past year we have been very unfortunate with the deaths of some of our old and most important members, especially John N. Haritos, the founder of the Theosophical Society in Greece in 1925. He travelled abroad very much and had met Annie Besant and other leaders of the T.S. He taught the Ancient Wisdom and during his whole life has been translating theosophical

works. Most modest, he avoided making any exhibition of himself. Another loss was an important man, an eminent judicial magistrate of Greece, Nicolas Kritikos and also a third good member, our sister Julia Davara.

We succeeded in publishing the translation in Greek of the *Talks on the Path of Occultism*.

It is our great regret that we cannot afford to attend the Centenary Celebrations in Adyar.

C. MELISSAROPOULOS,  
*General Secretary.*

## CENTRAL AMERICA

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## PARAGUAY

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## PHILIPPINES

A notable change in our activities this year is towards group work or the workshop method which is proving more attractive to the membership than the usual lecture and study methods pursued in the past years.

*Convention.*—Easily one of the highlights of this year's activities was the two-day live-in Convention during the Holy Week. It was held in Angono Farms and Garden Resort of Mrs. Gregoria Yu Gopiao, in Angono, Rizal on March 27-28, 1975. In the rustic setting provided by Angono, a most enjoyable and inspiring time was had by some seventy members and friends. The morning of the 27th was begun with an L.C.C. mass (the first in a few decades) presided over by the Rev. Domingo C. Argente. The theme, "As We Approach the New Age," was the subject of the public lectures given by Mrs. Cleo Z. Gregorio, the National President, and Mr. Domingo C. Argente, who spoke on the first day. An important feature of the Convention was the group-dynamics session, labelled "Reflections," conducted by many of the younger members and where quotation from N. Sri Ram's *Thoughts for Aspirants*, Volume 1, formed the leading themes for the different groups that met separately, then came together the next day for the group report. This feature was so deeply appreciated by all present

that a repeat performance is assured in future conventions of the Section.

Perhaps on the more-down-to earth level, the community-kitchen group work proved the real mettle of brotherhood in the group. There were those who had little chance to hear and participate in the enlightening talks given, because they had to "preside" over wood and charcoal stoves that turned their noses and eyes watery! To Mrs. Hermie Reyes, Mrs. Chita Francisco, Mrs. Mydee Reyes and members of their group who manned the "kitchen" our heartfelt thanks.

For the third straight year in a row, the "Candle-Light Ceremony" that we use to close Convention is proving very inspiring. Many of those who participated have expressed their deep appreciation of the warm fraternal feelings generated and the hope that it be used more often, not just during convention times.

*Membership.*—This year's membership has had a steady if small increase as compared to that of last year. The inactive list has remained at nearly the same level, although our ranks suffered a bigger loss due to more deaths. Fifty-eight new members came in. An interesting feature of the list of new members this year is that nearly seven percent of these are foreigners, with American members making the majority and Chinese members

the rest. In past years we usually had a small quota from the Chinese community and a little from the Hindu community.

*Two New Lodges.*—Two new lodges were organized this year, while two others were chartered late December. These are: Pandacan Lodge of Pandacan, Manila, and Raja Lodge of Greenhills. The two new lodges waiting for their charters are the Kaisahan Lodge located in the prestigious Makati area, and organized last May 1975, and Narra Lodge in Maga City, which was organized last June 29, 1975. Kaisahan Lodge's president, Mr. Eric Mentha, is a Swiss citizen and the other members are from the Chinese community (one is the wife of the Chinese Ambassador) while the rest are prominent Filipinos of Forbes Park. The Narra Lodge is composed of coconut planters from the South of Luzon, the head of a Catholic seminary in Legaspi, and a Chinese citizen of Naga. The Kaisahan Lodge had Mr. Eric Mentha and Mrs. Nina Puyat as the moving spirits behind the formation of the group, while the Narra Lodge had for its advance party, the Cabigting couple, Angie and Ruben. To Angie went the pioneering job and when the group was ready, Vic Hao Chin and myself went to Bicol on a brain-storming session that lasted for four days. This included two public lectures, an on-the-spot opportunity offered by the Ateneo-de-Naga College and the other by the Naga College itself. The Ateneo-de-Naga stint was significant in that aside from the more than six hundred or so student and faculty attendance in the gymnasium, there was the after-talk session with the Ateneo fathers and officials of the School in the school director's office which was indicative of the open-mindedness and interest of the religious in things occult.

*Lodge Visitations.*—I think it is the personal contact with each individual member which is of great importance in the lodge-work and which is most helpful to the healthy functioning of lodges. One such lodge visited towards the end of the year was the Cabanatuan Lodge in far-away Nueva Ecija. Some members of Muñoz Lodge joined those of Cabanatuan and swelled the number of members who made of it a gala occasion. The old picturesque Filipino tradition of garlanding visiting dignitaries was capped by two or three extemporaneous deliveries of Tagalog poems (*tula*). It started off the day's meeting at the country home of the president, Dr. Benjamin Tumangan, in Cabanatuan. It was also an occasion for the usual induction of new members as well as the installation of the newly-elected officers.

We visited Cebu Lodge in the far-away southern island of Cebu, from January 23rd to 27th. The solicitous and warm welcome tendered our group by members of the Lodge, led by President Fely Abear, contributed much to the success of the four days' visit. There were animated afternoon meetings sparked by slides on *Man Visible and Invisible* as well as the illustrated lecture on Adyar, which was calculated to encourage members to attend the Centenary Celebrations in India. A special demonstration on natural healing by Osteopath, Dr. Magdalo Francisco, was much appreciated by those present. It gave Dr. Francisco an opportunity to explain how Nature Cure is a practical expression of some of the theosophical concepts of man. Cebu Lodge is one of the more active lodges in the Section and is blessed with an energetic president.

Nearby lodges which have been visited by the General Secretary were: Buhay Lodge in Kamias, Kamuning; Ilaw Lodge in Sta. Ana; Pandacan Lodge



in Pandacan, which occasion was high lighted by the presentation of its Charter which arrived from Adyar. A well arranged but short programme was prepared by the members for the occasion. Raja Lodge in Greenhills was also one of those specially visited, as well as the recently revitalized Singalong Lodge in Dominga, Pasay City. Other lodges which have made the Headquarters their meeting place are: Buhay which has merged temporarily with Pag-ibig; and Rizaliana, the biggest lodge in the Section today, and which is benefited by the fact that its meeting is held on Sundays just before the hour set for the Sunday public meetings.

*The Board Membership.*—With the concurrence of the Board convened last December, I accepted Mrs. Estella A. Cruz' resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees. In her stead I appointed Mr. Angel Mendoza, past president of the Muñoz Lodge, to take over the uncompleted tenure of office.

Two other appointees for this year are Brothers Vicente Reyes, to serve as Assistant National Treasurer and Ruben Cabigting as Executive Secretary. The post of executive secretary is now vacant with the resignation of Brother Cabigting who has been called to work in a large manufacturing firm.

*Book Translations.*—Two new important translations in Filipino have been completed and submitted to us this September: *Key to Theosophy, An Abridgement*, by Joy Mills, and translated by Mr. Vicente Enrico of Buhay Lodge, and *Talks on the Path of Occultism*, Volume II by C.W. Leadbeater and Annie Besant and translated by the brothers Dalmacio and Dominador Mendez of Ilaw Lodge. Brother Enrico worked intensively on this important theosophical classic for a full year. The Mendez brothers, like Enrico are considered Tagalog "pursuits."

Since the Tagalog dialect has been adopted only recently as the national tongue it is undergoing a lot of revisions. The enormous task of translation and its hazards can be a most demanding task for our translators. To these dear and dedicated brothers go our heartfelt thanks.

A third translation of the book *Light on the Path* is being undertaken by members of the Muñoz Lodge and is nearly complete.

*Headquarters' Activities.*—A Halloween party was held at the National Headquarters last October 27, 1974.

Cooking demonstration of vegetarian recipes was held for members and friends last November 3rd by Miss Leda Manalad.

Introductory Course on Theosophy conducted by a number of knowledgeable members started on November 10 and lasted till April. Together with this was the short course on Leadership Training attended by some members of the Board and some officers of lodges. A Christmas party was held on December 6, 1974 and marked the beginning of the holiday vacations for members at the Headquarters. Highlight of the Christmas function was the gift-giving to the neighborhood indigents earlier in the afternoon. Colorful "bayongs" of goodies were distributed to the neighbors invited for the occasion. The Intermediate Study Course based on the book *Self Culture* by Dr. I. K. Taimni has been going on since June and will be finished towards the end of October. A prominent feature of this course is the use of original slides to supplement the lectures given, together with prepared handouts which were much appreciated by the participants.

A popular course which drew a large attendance was the series of studies on Astrology offered by Mr. Vic Hao Chin.

*The Three Sundays' Workshop.*—To thresh out further the questions thrown to members of the American Section by President John B. S. Coats last year, the three-Sundays workshop was organized for members. The four leading questions were: 1. What do we expect in 1975?; 2. Organization; 3. Publicity; and 4. Books and Publications. Prominent among the ideas gathered from this fruitful and useful three Sundays were: 1. Members' concern for guidance as well as experiential knowledge and emphasis on the development of the inner nature (whether psychic or the spiritual is here meant, is still debatable); 2. Organization: need for efficient organization; the Theosophical Society is and should be the teacher; 3. The Society should run its own yoga school for members only, and there is a need for summer camps.

*Plans for the Centenary Celebration.*—The Annual Convention of the Society was held much earlier this year to give way for the bigger function this year, which is the seven Centenary Sundays, (consecutive) from 2nd November to 4th December. Each Sunday will be hosted by a lodge or a combination of lodges and will feature a series of seminars on Brotherhood from the religious standpoint; Brotherhood as a philosophical concept; and Brotherhood from the scientific standpoint. Speakers from various groups are invited to participate in these seminars.

The arrival of the two theosophical films, "The Universal Flame" and "How Many Lifetimes," which were bought from the American Section, was an occasion for a gala showing of these films. They have been repeated since a few times for the benefit of some lodges.

A recent popular fund-raising event at headquarters was the Vegetarian Food and Bake Sale held last September 14, and which was a big success. Many

good vegetarian cooks from the membership donated the various dishes which were sold out before the scheduled hour of closing.

*Lodge Activities.*—Reports from lodges show that there is an insistent preoccupation with meditation practices and yoga studies, as shown in the subjects taken up.

Cebu Lodge held its own centenary celebrations for the Sundays of August 10, 17, 24, 31 and featured some public lectures, a workshop and a seminar on the theme of the Centenary. Cebu Lodge has been steadily building up its own library and now runs a small corner where theosophical books are offered for sale. Cavite Lodge reports that even with its small membership, due to transfers to other countries of some officials, the group has been meeting consistently and observing religiously the scheduled open and closed meetings. Manila Lodge is another lodge that meets regularly and observes closed meetings on the three Fridays of the month, with the first and fifth Fridays as open meetings. It has been engaged mostly in the study of the history of the Society, then subjects on character building, and now meets to discuss in depth the book, *Light on the Path*. Kaisahan Lodge meetings have been interrupted for a time due to the absence (out of the country) of both the president and the vice-president, and even the treasurer. With the return of the president, Mr. Eric Mentha, lectures and discussions of theosophical topics have been resumed, which more often than not last from 6.30 to 9.30 p.m. every other Thursday. Singalong Lodge has been recently revitalized and with the able leadership of Mr. Romeo Velarde, this small group shows signs of developing vigour. The combination of Buhay and Pag-ibig lodges and their change of venue for their meetings, has been proving very useful to both. Rev. Jose Cabrera is the regular

lecturer of the group. Rizaliana lodge has been having meetings even with the absence of its president, Dr. Miguel Viola. The capable vice-president, Mr. Lamberto Carandang, has been carrying on the work. Other lodges have not as yet turned in their reports as at time of writing.

The TYM Group, reports its president, Atty. Ed Lopez, has taken the theme "Meditation" for the year 1974. Thus, a series of lectures and discussions were scheduled with prominent elder members of the Society as lecturers on the subject of meditation. In conjunction with this, tapes of Krishnamurti on meditation were played for the benefit of the young members, as well as talks on Zen meditation and on Buddhist meditation.

*Improvements at Headquarters.*—In preparation for the Centenary celebrations in November-December, some changes in the Headquarters were initiated. The ground floor was renovated to include both the Bookshop and the Library, as well as a proposed space for a vegetarian canteen later on. The vacated third floor has only the office of the president and the shrine room, and the living quarters for the librarian and the extra guest room were retained. The space left vacant is being prepared as an exhibit area and display booths for the lodges during the Centennial celebration.

Of late, too, the handkerchief garden in front has been receiving some attention and needed weeding and replanting from a plant-lover, and self-appointed gardener, Mike Stillinger. He has also taken pains to do some paint touch-ups which has given the little lawn a face-lift.

*The Theosophical Order of Service.*—Two recent meetings at Headquarters were aimed at expanding the work of the Theosophical Order of Service. Mrs. Rosie Acu is spearheading the effort. There are, however, two departments

of the TOS which are doing very good work. These are the Healing Department, which meets regularly from 7.00 to 7.30 every Saturday evening and the Department of Social Service on behalf of which the National President is now serving as a director in Friendship Inc., an organization for the rehabilitation of ex-convicts. The Society (Friendship) has expanded its activities and helps also in the defense of unnecessarily detained suspects. The formation of the Vegetarian Society which has now been formally registered at the Securities and Exchange Commission will allow the organizers to start working on its objectives soon.

*Public Talks.*—Aside from the great privilege of addressing lodge members and sympathizers at Headquarters, the General Secretary has been invited to talk on Theosophy to different groups, like the Manila Bayside Breakfast Club at the Cheers Executive Centre; the Congregation of St. Scholastician sisters at its Retreat and Mother house in Marikina Valley; the Don Bosco College at its Conference Hall in Pasay; in Magallanes Village, home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Ostertag; at the Asian Chemical Centre, Don Pablo Building, Makati; at the Naga College and the Ateneo-de-Naga College in Naga, Camarines Sur and in Juan Luna in Cebu City.

*Visitors to the Section include.*—Mrs. Edriss Noall, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Parry and Miss Judy Fyfe of the Australian Section; and Mrs. Beth Kaye and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of the New Zealand Section.

*The Library and the Book Centre.*—The National Librarian, Mr. Tony Francisco reports: Very much more than in previous years are those who are now make use of the facilities of the National Library which has been transferred from the third floor to the ground

floor of Headquarters building. Circulation of books borrowed reached to over six hundred. Scholars from the different schools and colleges in Manila and provinces come in regularly to research in the library. Some television and movie directors as well as script-writers and bit players stay for hours researching on such subjects as astral phenomena, thought forms, karma, reincarnation, etc.

The Bookshop has been properly renamed Book Centre as it is run not as a business concern but as part of our service for the propagation of the teachings of of Theosophy. Orders for theosophical books come from all parts of the country.

The attractive prices of the Quest books, too, have been much instrumental in the good sales of theosophical books.

*Acknowledgement.*—We cannot close this lengthy account of the year's activities without acknowledging with deep gratitude the help given also, by those unmentioned yet diligent and faithful workers who contributed unstintingly of their time, their energy and resources to this fruitful year's work. Although anonymous, their contributions are registered in the time book of reports and to each and every one our heartfelt thanks.

CLEO Z. GREGORIO,  
General Secretary.

## COLOMBIA

*Elections and Celebration of the 99th Anniversary.*—Julia de Martinez was elected as General Secretary and took over on 17 November 1974. The same day a simple, but solemn celebration of the 99th anniversary of the T.S. was held.

*Activities in the Lodges.*—The Lodge Maitreya held public lectures with subjects of general interest like "Is a Better Humanity Possible?", "Laws of Nature, Not Commandments", "The Will and Life of Man", etc. From July 1975 a programme of public lectures and round tables has been taken up which was received most satisfactorily and shows most efficiently the usefulness of Theosophy. It is called "Course on Dynamic Theosophy" and is especially based on Dr. Taimni's book *Self-Culture*, translated into Spanish by Br. Walter Ballesteros.

The Lodge Blavatsky meets twice a week. Besides studies on *An Abridgement of the Secret Doctrine*, there are programmes for the Children's Theosophical Movement and its different activities: theosophical dialogues, cere-

monies of the Round Table Order, theatre, literature, etc. We now get the first fruits of this movement, which started nine years ago; some of these children have become active members of the Federation of Young Theosophists.

The Lodge Arco Iris continues working especially for the young (it considers itself the mother of the Colombian Federation of Young Theosophists). As well as its study meetings, it put forward a modification of the T.S. in Colombia, presenting a "Plan of Development," whose first phase consists of a change of the rules, which has already been approved by the Directing Council and will be forwarded to Adyar for approval. The purpose of the plan is to enlarge the channels for work and to coordinate individual efforts into teamwork.

In Barranquilla, the Lodge Liberacion has undertaken—besides its study meetings—works on meditation and a social work called "Hogares Hermanos", which may be a beginning of the Order of Service in Colombia.

In all the other lodges the activities are going on, and an initiative of exchange of work and cooperation has been started.

*Study Groups.*—Apart from the lodge activities there were courses in theosophical rhetoric, Raja Yoga, meditation techniques, basic Theosophy (held in several towns of the country. Those who were not yet T.S. members, when they attended this course, are now most active and efficient), preparation to teach basic Theosophy (the members trained in this course will hold courses for information and orientation all over the country), study of books, i.e. *The Secret Doctrine* by H. P. B. and *Mind and Consciousness* by Dr. Taimni.

*Working Groups.*—A "Plan of Development" was worked out, and after the approval of its first part, a modification of the rules and regulations was submitted for study to the Directing Council. The Council had to dedicate many hours to preparing these new rules.

Working groups are being formed in the following four directions: administration, publicity, education and research. These four departments are now being organized;

their heads, together with the General Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and the Treasurer will form the Executive Committee.

*National Convention.*—Under the heading "How Can We Intensify Our Theosophical Work?", this VIIth Convention was successfully held. Members from all over the country were enjoying nature and brotherhood and were inspired to work for our Society.

The work of the lodges was interesting and useful, and there was a note of cheerfulness in the artistic performances with the participation of children's and youth groups.

*Colombian Federation of Young Theosophists.*—is continuing its work in different groups, taking up several subjects for study like the constitution of man, mental health, group dynamism, Dharma, meditations on the occult life, and discussions on the occult path. Camps and recreational activities were organized, and there is a mutual cooperation with the members of the T.S.

JULIA DE MARTÍNEZ,  
General Secretary.

## EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

It gives me great pleasure to report the activities of the East and Central African Section for the year ended 31st October, 1975.

*National Headquarters.*—The Section Headquarters is situated in the premises of the Nairobi Lodge, which is the only owned premises, at No. 55A, Third Parklands Avenue, Nairobi, and the Section is very grateful to the Nairobi Lodge for providing us with this valuable facility.

*Office Bearers.*—General Secretary, Mr. H. M. Chhaya; Asst. General

Secretary, Kenya: Mr. N. J. Khetani; Asst. General Secretary, Tanzania: Mr. H. D. Shah; Asst. General Secretary, Zambia: Mr. A. V. Raval; Section Treasurer, Mr. K. H. Patel; Section Book-Stall Manager, Mr. J. K. Brahm-bhatt; National Director of T.O.S.: Mr. R. H. Patel.

*Membership.*—The trend of settlement in the United Kingdom and other countries has continued this year also, and as a result, we have lost many active workers and although their places have been filled by many new members, it will be



some time before they can fill the gaps left by those who have left the country. In spite of our efforts to make Theosophy and the T.S. widely known and our policy of openness to all human beings, few Africans have joined during the year under report and those who joined are those who have been exempted from paying fees, being students. The total number stands at approx. 1100 as against 1044 last year. We had 219 new admissions this year.

*Centenary Celebrations: Agriculture Show Stand.*—As reported last year we started the celebrations having a very attractive stand in a very prominent place in the Agricultural and Trade Show at Nairobi last year which was visited by thousands of people, and the questionnaire distributed was answered by many young men and women.

*Lecture Tour.*—At our invitation, Mr. G. A. Farthing paid us another visit and gave a series of public lectures and interviews on Voice of Kenya television and radio. The visit created a lot of interest. We are very grateful to Mr. Farthing for paying his own passage.

*Essay Competitions.*—Nairobi, Nakuru, Lusaka and Mufulira Lodges conducted essay competitions for secondary schools on the theosophical ideal of Brotherhood. The first three winners were given hand-some prizes.

*Silver Jubilee Convention and Centenary Celebrations* presided over by the International President Bro. John B. S. Coats.

The highlight of the Centenary year was the visit of the International President, Bro. Coats, in March 1975 when he delivered a series of lectures at Nairobi, Moshi and Dar-es-Salaam before going to Lusaka where he presided over the 25th Annual Convention of the E. & C. African Section and also the Centenary celebrations of the Lusaka Lodge. Bro. Coats visited briefly all lodges in Zambia

and gave public lectures. He was interviewed on Zambia television on a V.I.P. programme which lasted for forty-five minutes and several aspects of our work were clarified by him. On his return to Adyar from South Africa he stopped at Mauritius for an evening which was utilized by our lone member there, Mr. I. Raghoobar, for an interview on television which evoked many enquiries from listeners.

*Other Celebrations.*—1. Nairobi Lodge concluded the celebrations by arranging a three day programme from 18th to 20th October which consisted of lectures, dinner, picnic, showing of film "The Universal Flame," seminar discussion and questions and answers.

2. Kisumu Lodge celebrated by a talk by the General Secretary, a dinner, a one-act play and inauguration by the General Secretary of the fortnightly meetings in English in addition to vernacular meetings.

3. The Dar-es-Salaam Lodge held a three-day celebration when the General and Assistant General Secretaries were chief speakers and the Minister of Lands, Mr. Musobi Magani, was the chief guest. The celebrations consisted of ladies' and youths' seminars, group discussions, dinner, film show, and a picnic at a seaside resort.

4. The Mufulira Lodge held a five-day celebration where the Assistant General Secretary, Mr. A. V. Raval, was the chief speaker.

*Show of our two films.*—We are grateful to the Voice of Kenya for showing our two films on its television network, viz: (i) How Many Lifetimes and (ii) Re-incarnation.

*"Teach-in" Seminar at Nakuru.*—On 14th, 15th & 16th February, 1975, a "teach-in" seminar was held at Nakuru in which members of Kenya lodges participated.



*25th Annual Convention.*—This was a unique Convention, held for the first time in Zambia at Lusaka. Delegates travelled a long distance by air from Kenya and by road by a chartered bus from Tanzania and all lodges in Zambia were well represented. The Convention was opened by H. W. the Mayor of the City of Lusaka, Councillor L. Mulimba. The highlights of the Convention were an exhibition of pictures and charts drawn to depict teachings of *At the Feet of the Master* and *The Masters and the Path*, work of the Theosophical Order of Service in various lodges in this Section; "Questions and Answers" session; group discussions; entertainment programme; and picnic. Daily bulletins were issued on all the three days.

*Presentation of Books.*—Opportunity was taken by the Lusaka Lodge to present theosophical books and Centenary souvenirs (the large copper plates with theosophical seal engraved) to the library of the University of Zambia, Speaker's library of the Zambian Parliament, Mayor's Parlour and the State House at the hands of the President, Bro. John B. S. Coats.

Souvenirs of copper plates inscribed with the theosophical seal to mark the Centenary of the Society were presented to each member of the National Council who was present at the Convention. The President, the General Secretary and the Assistant General Secretary were each presented with a watch inscribed "T.S. Centenary" on this occasion. These souvenirs were also kept on sale for other members to buy.

As usual in this Section all the expenses of the Convention including all meals of all delegates were borne by the Lusaka Lodge.

*Translation of "At the Feet of the Master."*—A competition was arranged by the Lusaka Lodge to translate the theosophical gem *At the Feet of the Master*

in the four main languages of Zambia. Though the translations were not worth publishing, prizes were given to the best three translators.

*Visit to Lodges.*—I visited all Lodges in Zambia after the Easter 1975 Convention. Besides speaking to members and public, I spoke to students of secondary schools and a teachers' college. Also I appeared on television in Lusaka and Kitwe.

Bro. H. D. Shah visited Nairobi Lodge where he attended Executive Committee meetings. Bro. A. V. Raval visited several lodges in Zambia and in particular the Livingstone Lodge.

*Celebrations.*—Usual celebrations were held on Foundation Day (17th November), Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, and Dr. Annie Besant's Birthday. Collections were made on Adyar Day by many lodges and remitted to Adyar.

*Television Interviews.*—The Voice of Kenya, Nairobi, afforded opportunities to our leaders Mr. Coats and Mr. Farthing to use the mass media of television and radio to inform the general public about theosophical teachings. Likewise the Zambia T.V. interviewed Mr. Coats twice and the newspapers in all the three countries provided full coverage to his visit and the theosophical ideals.

*Sale of Books.*—At each public lecture, theosophical literature was kept on sale and the general public appreciated that they could get such books at reasonable prices from us only. The stock carried to Zambia, worth Shs. 73,40/-, was bought outright by the Information Centre of the T.S. in Zambia. The total value of books sold during the year was over £500/- (Shs. 10,000/-).

*Allied Activities: Theosophical Order of Service.*—As usual services to the poor and the needy were rendered by the Order at Nairobi, Nakuru, Eldoret, Kericho, Dar-es-Salaam, Lusaka, Livingstone,

Mufulira and at most lodges in a smaller or a bigger way.

*Bharat Samaj Puja.*—Regularly every Sunday at Dar-es-Salaam and occasionally at Nairobi and Mufulira this congregational worship was performed by interested members and sympathisers.

*Healing Group.*—This ceremony is being performed by members of the Dar-es-Salaam Lodge once every month.

*Obituary.*—The East and Central African Section has lost the following active members during the year under report: Mr. Ambalal S. Mistri of Nairobi Lodge; Mrs. Sumatiben B. Patel of Nairobi Lodge; Mr. Rajendra C. Dave of Dar-es-Salaam Lodge.

*Conclusion.*—In conclusion, I wish to thank the officers and members of all the lodges whose wholehearted support in

every respect has enabled the Section as a whole to carry on its arduous task, in spite of the fact that most of them are working without the help of our young, energetic and experienced workers who have gone away for settlement elsewhere.

It is our earnest endeavour to interest the indigenous people in the work of the Society. We are even prepared to waive the fees if they cannot afford the nominal annual fee that we charge, if at all they are interested in the furtherance of our Objects. We are sure that our efforts will bear fruit in the near future.

In the end, we pledge our loyalty to the Cause and also to the President, Bro. Coats, who represents the Society.

H. M. CHHAYA,  
General Secretary.

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## PAKISTAN

Main theosophical activities have been centred at Karachi Lodge, a large branch with 100 members. However, during the year, interest was once again aroused in the Hyderabad Theosophical Society. The branch has 70 members, and a building of its own.

The Karachi Theosophical Society has a very regular programme of activities—a weekly study class in Theosophy, fortnightly studies in Mr. Krishnamurti's writings, and more recently a weekly study class in Sufi teachings and a monthly public lecture. There are occasional members' meetings and celebrations of special anniversaries. The K.T.S. owns a very handsome 3-storeyed building of its own and the whole place is fully utilised.

In October 1975, the President, Mr. John B. S. Coats, visited the lodge for five days for the Centenary Celebrations

in Pakistan. He addressed a press conference and it was well reported in the local press. The President visited the branch at Hyderabad and addressed the members. He also gave a public lecture there.

The Celebrations at Karachi were inaugurated by the Governor of Sind, Begum Raana Liaquat Ali Khan. The meeting was very well attended and was addressed by the President. A well-arranged reception followed the speeches.

A two-day National Convention followed the Celebrations. Two members' meetings, a business meeting, a public lecture by the President and a symposium formed the programme of the Convention.

During the year, the most important project undertaken was the translation into Urdu of the book *The Key to Theosophy*. It will soon be printed. Plans

to translate other theosophical classics are under way.

The Karachi Theosophical Society, besides its programme of studies and lectures, maintains a very fine public library with

about 12,000 books. It also brings out a very readable monthly newssheet of 6-8 pages.

GOOL K. MINWALLA,  
*Presidential Agent.*

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## MALAYSIAN FEDERATION

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## NORTHERN IRELAND

It would seem appropriate to begin this report by remembering that The Theosophical Society in Northern Ireland was formally established in April 1949. This means that with the year which has just elapsed the T.S. in Ulster has lived through its Silver Anniversary. However, one ought perhaps to point out that theosophical activities have been going on in Belfast—and in other parts of the province—for a much longer period than the 25 years just alluded to; the Belfast Lodge Charter, for example, is dated 1910. The membership in 1949 stood at 60; my return to Adyar on 30 September 1974 indicated 38 members. Since then, we have lost—through resignation—an old member in the person of Miss Doherty who for many years had been attached to Bangor Lodge. On the other hand, we have gained a very young member, Mr. Neil Finlay, who became elected to Belfast Lodge on 2 March 1975. Our numbers are small indeed—they always have been—but the Work goes on.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Convention of the T.S. in Northern Ireland was celebrated on Sunday, 18th May, with the Organizing Secretary as Guest Speaker.

Steady work went on in Belfast, as usual, with public lectures, talks and discussions contributed mainly by a faithful and dedicated core of members and eagerly supported by the presence of other members and friends. To all, our grateful thanks are given for helping in the Work, no matter in what measure. One may sometimes think—and hope—of rewards or recognition at some future time, in some future place, for the work one does, but blessed are those who find their reward in their daily work; for such, heaven is always here and now.

Before I conclude this brief report, I would like to draw attention to the fact that although at our public meetings the usual excellent programme has been maintained throughout the year, in general, attendances at some of our public meetings have been rather disappointing. It is true that our solid core of members have registered a good attendance, but we still fail to attract the public. Another area in which we seem to fall rather short of the mark, is our Wednesday meetings which for some time now have been attended regularly by about three or four of our members. One feels that much more will need to be done in the

sense of re-energizing our members' meetings if we really want to "radiate" powerfully and become—from the point of view of lodge work—a beneficent force of Nature.

Radiation is a most profoundly evocative word for the present age. And I use the word because I neither think nor feel that one should seek to express the Divine Wisdom which is Theosophy with the explosive enthusiasm of the gun-powder, which one minute is here and the next is altogether gone; that age, the age of the gun-powder, is long past. What I feel we desperately need is an attitude of mind and heart which stretches out and reaches towards our fellowmen unceasingly but not necessarily through any kind of pyrotechnic displays. We should want to be able to "radiate"

and to transmute the base metal of our natures into the golden essence of Man's true Spiritual Ideal; not work for self, but work "on" self and for the sake of others. Much of our Work—indeed the greatest part of it—is carried out below and beyond the threshold of the ordinary—call it normal if you wish—consciousness. This one often tends to forget. In learning to "radiate" together we find ourselves one step closer to those members of the public whose inner consciousness is moving towards the theosophical ideal. The Sun of Theosophy shall shine down upon every human consciousness only when we have learnt to "radiate" together with concentrated immaculate splendour.

ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ,  
*Organizing Secretary.*

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## VENEZUELA

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## WEST AFRICAN FEDERATION

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## CANADIAN FEDERATION

The two Quebec lodges of the Canadian Federation are doing excellent work, enrolling many new members during the past year. Unfortunately the building containing Christos Lodge was destroyed by fire last summer, including its whole theosophical library. The Federation sent a cash donation towards purchasing new books. The French and Belgian Sections have promised some books—Quebec being bi-lingual. Christos and Isis lodges are using the same rooms for the time being.

News coming from Calgary is that the Canadian Section (Mr. Ted Davy now living in Calgary) and the Federation Lodge "Lotus" are working harmoniously together to "popularize Theosophy".

The two films, "How Many Lifetimes" and "The Universal Flame," were shown in the Public Library to a young audience of around 50.

Hermes Lodge welcomed Miss Joan Morris home for a holiday from India. The "mini" celebration held May 24th was a most happy affair. Guest speakers were Mrs. Dorothy Abbenhouse from Seattle, Bishop Jackson from Toronto and our own Mrs. Gladys Cooper, all giving excellent talks.

All other lodges report renewed vitality, after the summer recess.

Total membership today—152.

IDA F. STEPHEN,  
*Federation Secretary.*

## EUROPEAN FEDERATION

In the Federation we have held our usual Council Meeting (in Durham, England) in August 1974, and two Executive Committee meetings and two of the Board of the Federation Trust (in Durham and Basle).

We have been privileged to have had visits from the International President, Mr. John Coats, and the Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Barborka, from the U. S. A., have visited England and have recently been in Berlin where Mr. Barborka has been conducting a course of study. Added to this there have been many intersectional visits from lecturers in the Federation.

The main events in the sections during the year are referred to in the sectional reports. It seems to me that the Chairman's Report should convey impressions of the inner working of

the Federation rather than its outer activities.

These impressions are gathered from personal contacts, from gatherings and meetings of various groups, letters, both official and personal, and often from unexplained feelings which have suggested hidden activity in some particular instance. I have had the pleasure and honour to have been received at Summer Schools in Austria, England and France, and meetings in Holland, Italy and Switzerland, one of which was the camp of the Unité group of the Pays Latins members in Switzerland, and another gathering of the same group in Italy this last Easter. I have also attended meetings of lodges.

During the past year I find a stirring of new life and ideas in many of the sections. There is a greater readiness to look at new ideas or to look at old

ideas in a new way. But most sections have the difficulty of a large "age gap," which makes it hard to find members able and willing to carry out the day-to-day work of organizing lodges and sections. This is a problem of our changing world and is not confined to the Theosophical Society. We have, in these days, almost no "leisured class." So there are few members in the middle active years of life who are able to make Theosophy their first priority in life. So we rely largely on the members who have retired and are over 60 or 65 for carrying on the practical side of the work. But we have, although perhaps some of the sections may not be aware of this, many promising young members, some of whom are capable of taking responsibility in the work and who would almost certainly respond if given encouragement and trust. It is up to all older ones to be on the look-out for such younger or newer members and to encourage them to play their full role in the Society.

Personally, I feel it is a mistake to let the Society be divided into "young" and "old." Age is of no significance in Theosophy and it grieves me to see young people isolated from theosophic reality by being placed within a psychic barbed wire fence named "Youth Group." If a separate organization *is* necessary, then we must realize that it is our fault that such a situation has arisen, and we should work to remove the causes of separation.

Which brings me to the subject of communication—between section, lodges and members. For is not the lack of real communication at the root of all our difficulties? And is not to counteract this lack of communication that the European Federation was formed? Basically this lack is due to our self-centredness. We are not sufficiently aware of others to be able to see them as they really are, but only as we think, or

fear, they may be. And so we misunderstand each other even when we speak the same language. But understanding can be achieved without words, or with few words. We have all had the experience of seeing someone for the first time and knowing that here is a person whom we can trust and whom we should like to have for a friend. We can know whether someone we have not met before is a kindly or friendly individual without the use of words. We can also sense, sometimes, those whose influence we should wish to avoid.

This is the sort of awareness we should cultivate—this awareness of people and groups, and I feel that this is something that the European Federation is helping us to learn. For we meet members of many nationalities. We stumble along with our imperfect knowledge of each other's tongues and yet we make a real contact. In fact, I sometimes think that, because our contacts lack the distraction of words, we often perceive the real individual more truly than if we had a rapid battery of verbiage between us.

In this our centenary year the attention of all sections has been focused on plans for its celebrations. Only a small proportion of our members, unfortunately, will be able to attend the meetings in Adyar or New York in person. But all are concerned in the expression of the celebrations of our own sections, branches and, indeed, in ourselves, of this important milestone in the history of the Society. And this very concern has drawn us together and makes it possible for each one to receive inspiration and enlightenment from the collective thought of the world-wide Theosophical Movement.

So these, briefly, are the impressions I can give to you of the work of the Federation—a stirring of new life; a creative awareness in our centenary year of the world-wide implications of Theosophy;



better communication between sections; an influx of new members who will, in time, be able to carry on the splendid work of those who have laboured for the ideals of Theosophy in the past

and of those who still do so today with unfailing devotion.

MADELEINE LESLIE-SMITH,  
Chairman.

## INTER-AMERICAN FEDERATION

Our four years of office have come to an end. This is a brief report of the activities carried on during that period.

Four years seem at the beginning a long time; but it is not when one tries to put into practice all the objectives. Nevertheless, most of the things for which the Federation was founded have been done. Thus, we have several items:

*Printing.*—Fourteen books were published. They are: *Dharma; Invisible Helpers; The Path of Service; The Wisdom of the Upanishads; The Basic Ideas of Occult Wisdom; Letters to Aspirants; Man, His Origins and Evolution; Meditation, A Practical Study; Karma and Reincarnation; Self-Realisation through Yoga and Mysticism; Nature Spirits; An Abridgement of the Secret Doctrine; How to Study Theosophy; Gods in Exile.*

Three guides for lodge study must be added to this: *Theosophy Working in Our Daily Life*, including notes for study, meditation and a complete bibliography; *A Study in Consciousness*, on the text by Dr. Besant (both guides prepared by the T.S. in U.S.A.); *An Approach to The Secret Doctrine* (prepared by the T.S. in England). A leaflet containing the main ideas on Theosophy and the T.S. was also printed. All these were distributed freely to the sections to use in their public and private activities.

Our thanks to Mrs. Raquel Catalá, from Venezuela; Mr. José González Quiñones, from Puerto Rico; and Roberto

Minervini, from Argentina, for the translation of some of the texts.

*The Abridgement of the Secret Doctrine* was the text that demanded most of our time and effort. However, its publication meant a lot to the members in Latin America. Our thanks, also, to Mr. Walter Ballesteros, who has devoted some time to making a revision of the Spanish version. In this sense, it is necessary to mention the valuable help given by the Theosophical Society in America and the Non-English Publications Loan Fund Committee whose donation made possible the publication of 2000 copies out of the 3000 made. The Non-English Publications Loan Fund Committee has also granted a loan to the Federation to be used by the Brazilian Section in the publication of three books in Portuguese.

The translation of three other texts is over: *An Approach to the Occult*, by Hugh Shearman; *Space, Time and Self*, by Norman Pearson; and *The Science of Yoga*, by I. K. Taimni; all of them translated by Mrs. Catalá. They were included in our plans for the present year, but the difficult situation undergone by Argentina in the course of these months has prevented us from publishing them. Costs of printing have increased a lot, there is no paper available, etc. Our efforts to canalize the editions through other countries have not worked out, as costs are even higher and payment conditions worse.

This will probably have to be considered at the V Inter-American Congress, to be held in New York on November 18th. In order to make future editions possible, the sections should come to a compromise of buying a specific number of copies. This would enable us to make up a regular fund almost immediately, so as to be able to start a new edition. Besides, it will prevent too large a stock in the Federation, the cost of which it cannot absorb.

Two other courses, one on "Group Concentration and Meditation," and the other on "Self-Enlightenment," both by Geoffrey Farthing, have already been translated.

"*America Teosofica*".—Notes from all of the sections tell us about the importance of this journal and the quality of the material it includes. Our thanks to all the persons that have translated the articles but, especially, to those who have sent their own writings for publication. Our purpose was to add more pages to this magazine, but costs prevent us from doing it. Its issuance is at present of 4000 copies, which are sent to the sections at US \$ 0.10 each.

*Work Tours and Gatherings*.—The President and the Vice-President have made several work tours through the sections attached to the Federation. In all the cases the work consisted of public lectures, elementary courses, workshops, etc. Though Chile was not at the time part of the I.T.F., it was visited by Brother Viñas, who stayed there for three months. The result was always highly successful.

Some regional gatherings were held, especially in the southern part of Latin America. In Porto Alegre, Brazil;

Montevideo, Uruguay; and Buenos Aires, Argentina, we have had Theosophical Gatherings of the Southern Atlantic, with the attendance of members from all three countries. Though these places are distant from one another a large number of people have travelled, feeling very happy to take part in these events.

The Federation was also represented—through its President and some members of the Executive Committee—at the 50th Anniversary of the Uruguayan Section, early this year.

*Chile*.—The present General Secretary of this Section, Mrs. Raquel Escobedo, and the National Council have filled up the necessary application to join the Federation, which was read at the last gathering in Buenos Aires, all the people present feeling very happy about it. All the American Sections and Presidential Agencies are now part of the I.T.F., and this will undoubtedly add strength to its work. Our hearty welcome to Chile.

The Executive Committee has kept in close touch with all the countries, asking for advice and offering to help in all the ways available. Now that the first period is closed, it is necessary to make a revision of work methods and plan our future activities in a dynamic and meaningful way. All this will be talked over at the World Congress and every suggestion is welcome. We have finished the first century of the Society as a baby Federation. May the second century see us grow in fruitful work but, above all, in beautiful and everlasting friendship. America needs it. Let us answer to that call.

LUIS SPAIRANI,  
President.

# LODGES ATTACHED DIRECT TO ADYAR

## PERU

### *H.P.B. Lodge, Lima:*

Over the mentioned period, the lodge has worked every Wednesday night and Saturday afternoon, which means a total of 96 meetings.

On Wednesdays, we are studying the book written by Alice Bailey named *Human and Solar Initiation*. We know that the author retired from the theosophic movement, but we consider that this story has values which can be of use to us.

On Saturdays, we have a double activity. We study an elementary book of Pavri, *Theosophy Explained*; this is a special story for neophytes. Besides that, a group of members studies an astrology course, conducted by the undersigned. This course was started as an experiment to attract interested persons and has given very pleasant results. Most of the non-members that started this course have been attracted by Theosophy, and they are registering themselves as members.

The lecture plan given by our own members has not worked out as expected. We only had three speeches: "Egyptian Mythology" by Bro. Horacio Zevallos; "The Mystic Sense of Music" by Sis. Hortencia Quevedo; and "Stories of Grimm and their Hidden Sense" by Bro. Horacio Zevallos. We expect to have more cooperation from our brothers in this respect for next year.

On September 21st, we have started a course of psycho-physical gymnasium, given by Bro. Horacio Zevallos. It takes place only on Sundays and it is limited only to the most external and elementary of the hatha yoga. It will last for 6 months, until March 21st, 1976, that is during the ascendant cycle of the sun. There are eight new members, making a total of forty in the Lodge.

JULIA PUMAR,  
*Secretary.*

### *Lodge Paz y Amor, Lima:*

Every first Sunday of the month we have our lodge meeting.

Every second and third Friday of each month we are cooperating at the meetings of the T.S. branch "H.P.B.-A".

On the third Saturday of each month we are sending a delegate to cooperate with the T.S. branch "H.P.B.".

These meetings are dedicated to the Centenary of the international T.S., to our famous founders, Mme. Blavatsky and Col. Olcott, as well as to their successors.

Members of the branch now number eleven.

We want to express our most loyal best wishes for the spiritual success of the Centenary celebration.

AMERICA ESPINOSA DE ESPIRITU,  
*President.*

## HONG KONG

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## ISRAEL

*Covenant Lodge, Tel-Aviv:*

Usually we begin the yearly activity of the Lodge on the first of October as an homage to Dr. Annie Besant, with music and lectures by members of different lodges.

During the year under review, we maintained the usual activity with meetings of the German Group every fortnight, the same with the English Group and the Russian too, every fortnight.

The German Group had lectures about psychology and Karl Jung, two lectures about Faust (Goethe) from various points of view, about Socrates, Zen Buddhism, Karma and Reincarnation and Mantra Yoga as a study for two evenings. The English Group as well the Russian gave preference to study and discussions.

We advertised in English, Russian and Arab newspapers about our meetings and library. Thanks to the kindness of our brothers abroad—as I mentioned already in my previous reports—we have books in seven languages, very necessary, knowing that in this country there are so many nations from various corners of the earth—a micro League of Nations.

We were pleased to have the visit of Mr. J. Tucker, U.S.A.

We celebrated White Lotus Day this year with only 26 members since some of them were called for Army service. On that evening, members from four lodges gave their contributions with lectures: The Lotus Lodge President, one new member from Russia of H.P.B. Lodge, and besides myself, Miss Nurit Levy of the Y.T. in Israel.

Twice a year members are coming from many parts of the country to celebrate together White Lotus Day and Dr. Besant's birthday.

This year we had a Centenary Feast—a mini one—in Amirim, the vegetarian village—also with only 26 guests and members. Three members of the Covenant Lodge gave their lectures and there was very fine piano music. Mrs. Dominic, President of the Covenant Lodge, gave the opening speech with a survey of Theosophy, *The Secret Doctrine*, the future of mankind and our hope the youth. Mrs. Lustig spoke about the past and future of the T.S. and Mrs. Kantor, the pianist, about the parallel between yoga and Judaism. Mrs. Dominic gave a lecture in the Home of Aged People about Theosophy.

Lodge Covenant is the hostess of the Blavatsky Lodge.

T.O.S. members are visiting hospitals. Mr. Lissod is very active in the movement for Israel-Arab Friendship and one young member is doing a wonderful work in the education of mentally sick children.

Covenant Lodge has now 36 members—6 new. Among them two transferred, Mrs. Sophie Krolikovsky from U.S.A. and Mr. H. Athias from Casablanca.

We hope that the beginning of a new century of the Theosophical Society will bring Peace and Bliss to the world, which needs this so much.

BERTHE AL. DOMINIC,  
*President.*

*Harmony Lodge, Tel-Aviv:*

As in previous years, lodge meetings were regularly held twice monthly—on first and third Mondays. No change in our membership has been recorded as compared with last year's figure. Our lectures were also open to visitors, a number of whom attended permanently. Only White Lotus Day remained reserved for members only.

Three of our members participated in international conventions, Mrs. Edith Ebstein, our Lodge Secretary, in the Centenary Celebrations and Summer-School at Bad Homburg, Germany, in August last, and Mr. Hans Zeuger, our Lodge President, together with Mrs. Edith Zeuger, in the Jubilee Week of the Huizen Centre in July. There, Mr. Zeuger was invited to give the morning lecture on Sunday, 20th of July, substituting for Brother Rohit Mehta, who was unable to appear. Mr. Zeuger's theme was: "Theosophy—a Bridge between Astrology and Parapsychology." He, furthermore, was requested to convey the greetings and good wishes of Israel, to the assembly on this solemn and unique occasion.

Later on, when in England, Mr. Zeuger had the pleasure to see the Theosophical Bookshop in London, where he was very kindly and instructively shown around by Mr. Maxwell, the Manager, and Miss Elsie Ashton. In addition, he visited a number of old theosophical friends in Esher and Camberley.

Together with Mrs. Zeuger he went to France, where he renewed contact with two devoted members of the French Section, Mrs. Georgette Tissot and her daughter, Miss Marie-Claire Tissot, who both had visited Israel during the summer recess in 1974. Accepting an invitation to lecture—outside our Society—in Switzerland on astrology and parapsychology, Mr. Zeuger went there for a rather longish period and introduced interested audiences in sundry locations into both these parts of the theosophical doctrine.

In Israel, he once again was interviewed by the local and foreign press, and spoke over the radio and in various lecture-halls in the country.

HANS ZEUGER,  
*President.*

*Emanuel Lodge, Haifa:*

Owing to the strained economic situation all over the world and in addition the constant political tension in our small country, the negative, deteriorating effect on the spiritual, metaphysical attitude cannot be denied. It leads to an ego-centric conduct of the individual member.

In the meetings with our members and free masons we are discussing spiritual problems like religion, Theosophy, philosophy, and art analysis in music, painting, etc., constructing thereby a completely harmonious atmosphere for a couple of hours in order to improve our own karma.

Unfortunately the leading theosophists and masons are declaring publicly that the ideal of a worldwide brotherhood and peace are an utopia!

On 1.10.1975 I was in Tel Aviv with my wife, attending the opening of activities of Sister Masha's Lodge Covenant, where about 20 members were present, an assembly of positive, ethical vibrations, but in the end it is difficult to create worldwide brotherhood, as expressed in Beethoven's 9th Symphony.

I am encouraged by the forthcoming Congress in New York, where a great number of all kinds of members will meet, and still more by the Conventon in Adyar, to fill the atmosphere of the world with harmonious vibrations. Unfortunately my wife and myself are unable to attend in person, but we will keep the spiritual connection with all of you.

*Conclusion.*—We endeavour to create universal peace by means of noble thoughts and to exclude destruction.

HEINRICH SREBROW,  
*President.*

*Lotus Lodge, Haifa:*

It could be clearly stated that the main activity of this lodge was the study of theosophical literature. The book *Practical Occultism* by H. P. B. was studied this year. The young members were particularly interested in meditation and the practical side of Theosophy.

An attempt was made to hold combined meetings of two lodges—B'sorat Hagalil Lodge and Lotus Lodge. Even though the response was a mild one, I am sure that most of the members of both lodges were benefited by these combined meetings. Special thanks in this respect should be given to Mrs. Chana Mor and Mrs. Varda Ben-Yitzak, both from Lodge B'sorat Hagalil and Mr. Carmel Dubosarsky, Lotus Lodge.

Some members of this lodge were in a position to attend the annual theosophical Convention held at the vegetarian village—Amirim, in Northern Israel. From the reports of the participants of this Convention, the peculiar calm atmosphere of Amirim promoted the feeling of Universal Brotherhood.

Finally this report would be incomplete unless our very special thanks and gratitude are expressed to Mrs. Berthe M. Dominic, for her expert guidance to this lodge, in practically all fields.

NATHAN SAMUEL,  
*Secretary.*

*Blavatsky Lodge, Tel-Aviv:*

The number of members for this year is nine, one more than last year.

Since it is a lodge of newcomers from Russia—even if they are very interested in Theosophy—the difficulties that they are facing in a new country do not put them in the necessary mood for more than just reading theosophical books and not to become members of the Society.

As I said in my Report of the last year, we have a little library in Russian, but we need always to get more books. Mr. Boris de Zirkoff sent us *The Secret Doctrine* in Russian and we are most grateful for his kindness.

LULIA ASAVAI,  
*President.*

## SINGAPORE

*Singapore Lodge:*

In spite of worldwide inflation and trade recession we are pleased to advise that the activities of this lodge have not in the least been affected. This is mainly due to the devotion and unstinted loyalty manifested by members, who together with members of the public have attended quite regularly our public meetings. The lectures delivered by members/guest speakers were well attended. It has become increasingly clear that the message of Theosophy is still acceptable to the wider public in this part of the world.

As a general rule, we do not persuade the public to become members straight-

away, but the latter fully realizing the benefits to be derived from close connections with an organization such as ours, have readily joined as members, thus slightly raising the number of membership.

Mrs. R. Burnier's visit and her illuminating lectures, have brought forth a series of enquiries/applications.

It is also sincerely hoped that other prominent theosophists passing through Singapore would do us the honour of paying us a visit.

CHAN CHIM LIM,  
*President.*



## JAPAN

*Nippon Lodge, Tokyo:*

We feel great joy concerning the Centenary Celebration that we shall all hold this year. This is really a wonderful opportunity for us.

*Meetings.*—We hold a study meeting every third Saturday evening. Attendance has increased a little; every time, 15 to 20 members show up. Every first Saturday we hold a theosophical women's meeting.

We held our annual Conference on May 3 and 4. I gave a lecture on Karma with reference to *The First Principles of Theosophy* by C. Jinarājadāsa. And I got some young members to make slides of *Man, Visible and Invisible* by C. W. Leadbeater. They illustrated the invisible worlds and bodies, by using lantern slides.

*Study.*—This year we are studying *The First Principles of Theosophy* in the regular meeting every third Saturday, for the benefit of new members. Besides this, we are wrestling with *The Abridgement of The Secret Doctrine*. We are literally wrestling with it. The translation is almost completed. I suppose that the translation itself is correct; but the sentences, being rather stiff and bookish, seem uninteresting, and cannot be understood by general readers. So we will have to retranslate it into easier Japanese.

I am translating *The Abridgement of The Key to Theosophy*. This translation ought to have been finished by now and

published this year. But I am sorry to say that I shall not be able to complete it until after the Centenary.

We are studying *The World Mother* by Leadbeater at the women's meeting. I am translating this for them. In my monthly magazine I am translating *The Invisible Helpers* which will soon be finished. Next I am planning to publish a translation of H. P. B.'s *Practical Occultism* in the same magazine.

*New Members.*—We had several new members; but as some people have quit, and others only come irregularly, I am sorry to say that the sum total did not increase by much.

*Foreign Friends.*—Brother John, an American Theosophist, came to Tokyo at the beginning of May, and stayed several days at one of the members' home. He travelled to many places, and contacted members in various places throughout Japan.

On the 8th August, Mr. M. Breen came to Tokyo from Australia. He stayed in Japan about four weeks. I asked a Nippon Lodge member, Mrs. Suzuki, to take care of him; so Mrs. Suzuki along with her whole family offered him hospitality. Another Lodge member, Mr. Tamagawa, showed Mr. Breen around Kyoto.

EMIKO TANAKA,  
*President.*

## BANGLADESH

*Comilla Lodge:*

Comilla Theosophical Lodge is one of the oldest lodges in the world, established in 1889 at the instance of the late Chandra Kumar Guha. It has been visited by Dr. Annie Besant and many other leading theosophists and dignitaries.

During 1971, we lost possession of the lodge building during the war, but have been fortunate enough to regain possession on 30.9.75, through the good offices of the Deputy Commissioner, Comilla, and the Sub-Divisional Officer Sardar South Comilla. However, on taking possession, we found that the

furniture and most of the books have disappeared, fixtures have been removed and the building is in utter disrepair. Finances do not permit us to make all repairs immediately.

There are now twenty-five members, including four new and one rejoining. Two members have died during the year.

Meetings have been held almost weekly, subjects including study of various religious texts, celebration of various theosophical anniversaries and discussions.

RASHMOHAN CHAKRABORTY,  
*President.*

## WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

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## THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

Four meetings of the Council of The Theosophical Publishing House were held during the year (October 1974 to September 75).

The International President of The Theosophical Society, Mr. John B. S. Coats, continued to be Chairman of the Council, and the members were: Miss Joy Mills, Dr. Jean Raymond, Mr. C. R. N. Swamy, Mrs. Radha Burnier, Mr. K. Ramanathan and Mr. K. N. Ramanathan. Miss Marion Caws, Assistant Editor of *The Theosophist*, participated in two meetings of the Council by invitation.

*The Theosophical Society Centenary.*—The work of the Publishing House during the year was largely geared to the celebrations of the Centenary of The Theosophical Society, and the books *The Universal Flame*, *Applied Theosophy and Other Essays*, *An Epitome of Theosophy* and *The Secret of Self-Realization* were newly published as part of the contribution of the T. P. H. to the world-wide celebrations. Dr. G. S. Arundale's *The Lotus Fire* was reprinted on the occasion, and a programme of other reprints was undertaken to meet the needs of the Centenary Year. For The Theosophical Society, the Centenary Calendar was produced by the T. P. H., and there was widespread appreciation of this production, which carried seven attractive full sheet prints in colour of Adyar views. The T. P. H. handled the sales of the Calendar as well as of the Centenary Souvenirs, varying from diaries to pens, purses and foot-scales bearing appropriate Centenary inscriptions. A large supply of colour cards of Adyar views was stocked for the

Centenary Convention, and these as well as the black-and-white photo cards were greatly in demand by delegates to the Centenary Convention. The Theosophical Society in Germany gifted a supply of excellent Adyar view cards, and this added variety to the supply available.

To mark the Centenary, a Bookshop was opened at the Main Gate of the Society on Adyar Bridge Road, and Mrs. Zella Orfila, who was Manager of the Quest Bookshop in Wheaton, came over from Olcott to run the Bookshop. Stands in white wood, specially designed for the Bookshop, display the publications and the book room has also been planned as a pleasing lounge in which visitors may sit and browse through the large range of literature of the Society on display. Adyar productions, Quest Books, a selection of T.P.H., London, publications and some related literature from Indian publishers are available in the Main Gate Bookshop as well as the Bookshop in the T. P. H. building in the Estate.

Imports of books for the Centenary totalled Rs. 10,150 in value, being the highest yearly total of imports made so far. At the time of compiling this report an application has been made to the Import and Export Control Department of the Government of India for a licence for the import of books of the value of Rs. 50,000 per year by the Theosophical Society, for the T.P.H.

*Book Exhibitions.*—In association with the Madras Theosophical Federation, The Theosophical Publishing House ran a nine-day book fair in April/May on the spacious first floor of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in Mylapore, Madras. The Fair

drew large numbers of visitors, thereby helping to carry the message of Theosophy to a large circle of people who might not otherwise come in touch with the literature of the Society. Sincere thanks are expressed to the authorities of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan for their very valuable cooperation in making the Fair possible.

The Theosophical Publishing House sent selections of its publications for display at a number of fairs overseas. These included the Book Fairs in Singapore, Manila, Beirut, Teheran and Baghdad. The National Book Trust of India arranged the inclusion of these selections of T.P.H. publications in the displays of Indian books at the Fairs, and we received some enquiries for our publications from visitors to the Fairs afterwards.

At Inter-Lodge Conferences of the Madras Theosophical Federation, held in various centres in Madras City, the T.P.H. had books on display and sale.

The Theosophical Publishing House collected and despatched theosophical books in Indian languages for exhibition at the Theosophical Book Fair held with the Centenary World Congress in New York in November 1975.

*New Books and Reprints.*—Five new books were published during the year and twenty-four books were reprinted. The four new publications were *The Century Book*, *The Universal Flame*, edited by Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith; *Applied Theosophy and Other Essays*, a selection from the speeches and writings of H. S. Olcott, the President-Founder of The Theosophical Society; *The Secret of Self-Realization*, by I. K. Taimni; *An Epitome of Theosophy and Theosophy Generally Stated*, by W. Q. Judge, a U.L.T. publication, which we published with their cordial agreement on the occasion of the Centenary; and *The Last Quarter of the Century*, being the International President's Convention

Lecture at the 1974 International Convention held at Varanasi.

The reprinting of the *Old Diary Leaves* Series of six volumes was carried on, and was completed some months after the conclusion of the year under report. *The Hidden Side of Things*, *The Hidden Life in Freemasonry*, *A Textbook of Theosophy* and *The Science of the Sacraments*, all books by Mr. C. W. Leadbeater, were re-printed, as also a number of Dr. Besant's books, including *Thought Power*, *Its Control and Culture*, *The Wisdom of the Upanishads* and *Jainism*. When the new Heidelberg offset press was installed at the Vasanta Press its work was inaugurated with a 4000 copies run of *The Voice of the Silence*. For the Theosophical Publishing House Ltd., London, we printed and supplied sheets of the title *Psychic Powers*.

"*The Theosophist*".—*The Theosophist* continued publication in the format it had adopted for many years till the September 1975 issue, when the size and the colour and design of the cover were changed. The contents have become more variegated, and more photos of theosophical events and personalities are being published in the journal. The cover is coming in eye-pleasing changes of colour every month. The Centenary Number (Oct./Nov. 1975, which was ready for mailing in August) was printed in 5000 copies, and sales have been satisfactory. The subscription list, however, has increased by only about 100 copies. We had to revise the subscription upward with effect from October 1975 owing to the increase in postal rates by India. These postal rates became effective in February 1975, but the T. P. H. bore the cost of the higher rates from February to September, only then raising the subscription price.

An Advisory Committee was formed this year to help the Editor and the

Assistant Editor in the publication of the journal. The Committee consists of Mrs. Radha S. Burnier, Miss Joy Mills, Mr. K. Ramanathan, Mr. K. N. Ramanathan, Dr. Jean Raymond and Mr. C. R. N. Swamy.

*Workers.*—Miss Marion Caws continued as Assistant Editor of *The Theosophist* during the year. The help of a

number of Adyar residents was available, as in years past, for the reading of proofs of *The Theosophist* as well as books under publication, and also for the evaluation of manuscripts. We are very thankful to them for their assistance.

K. N. RAMANATHAN,  
*Manager.*

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## THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

The ending of the year under report is the beginning of a new era for the work of the library as the Theosophical Society, the founding organization of this library, completes one hundred years of its existence in November 1975. Established as the library was to promote the second Object of the Society, namely to encourage the study of comparative religion, philosophy, and science, Theosophy or the Divine Wisdom has ever been the fountain source of inspiration for its work. The publications brought out in the Adyar Library Series are aimed "to bring about an understanding between men and nations through knowledge of the higher aspects of their respective cultures." In these eighty-nine years since its establishment, the library has made a splendid contribution indeed "for the revival of Oriental literature" and worked for "a stronger mutual regard between the learned of the East and West."

As the Theosophical Society enters a second century of work to promote a brotherhood with no distinctions whatsoever, it is hoped that this library will play a greater part in helping man to discern the true from the false, the spiritual from the material including the psychic, and to know that Wisdom lies in the realms of the Spirit and that the way to it is in oneself, with one's own Self as the true Guru or teacher. The Adyar Library, as a vital field of work of the Theosophical Society, thus enters a new period.

### STAFF:

During the year the library lost one of its devoted and valuable workers.

Sri P. Kuppuraj joined the staff as an attendant in 1945. Since then he became an expert typist and served the institution in this capacity for 30 years. In his death on 15 April 1975 after a brief illness, the library indeed suffered a great loss. Miss V. Vijaya, who was on the staff on probation since June 1974 took over his work in the cataloguing section. Other additions to the staff in the cataloguing and binding sections are Miss V. Jayanti, Miss M. Lalitha and Miss T. Srimati.

Mr. N. S. Narasimhachari has been helping the Librarian in the office since February 1975. This enabled her to devote more time to the reclassification of books in the Eastern Section. Smt. M. Murugammal, cleaner, retired after 25 years of service. Smt. Chandra has been appointed for a probationary period of one year in her place.

### PUBLICATIONS:

Prof. A. A. Ramanathan is translating the Vaiṣṇava Upaniṣhads with the commentary of Upaniṣad Brahma Yogin. The second volume of the *Amarakośa* with the hitherto unpublished South Indian commentaries, and the Descriptive Catalogue of the MSS. given to the library by Visvabharati, Santiniketan, are still in the press. The translation of the Samnyāsa Upaniṣads is delayed as Dr. E. R. Sreekrishna Sarma has not yet completed the scrutiny of it. During the year the following were reprinted: *Mānameyodaya*, a Mīmāṃsa work of the Bhāṭṭa School, with translation and notes, as Adyar Library Series No. 105; the second edition of the *Laghuyogavāsiṣṭha* brought out in 1971 as Adyar Library

General Series No. 3, again ran out of print and was reprinted by public demand; also *The Thirty-two Vidyas* (ALS 90) and the Pāñcarātra Āgama text *Lakṣmī Tantra* (ALS 87) by photo offset using the new machine recently installed in the Vasanta Press. A revised edition of Dr. Raghavan's *Alaṃkāra* work, *The Number of Rasas*, is just nearing completion and will be released shortly.

Also ready for the press are: a revised edition of Leideker's *Sanskrit: Essentials of Grammar and Language*, a useful textbook for learning Sanskrit language particularly in the West; *Rāmānuja on the Yoga*, a new title, by Dr. Robert C. Lester, Fellow, Ford Foundation; and Devaśvamin's commentary on the *Āśvalāyanagrihyasūtras*, edited by Dr. K. Parameswara Aithal of the Sudasien Institute, University of Heidelberg, Germany.

As the Vasanta Press had to cope with extra loads of printing because of the programmes related to the Centenary of the Theosophical Society, the printing of the library publications slowed down during the year.

*The Adyar Library Bulletin*: As announced in our last report, the special Jaina volume marking the 2500th anniversary of the Parānirvāna of Mahāvīra was released last April with contributions from fifteen Jaina scholars from India and abroad. Now in the press is another special volume to commemorate the centenary of The Theosophical Society. The subjects in this special issue cover a wide field such as Brahmadevīyā and the science of religions, the significance of mantras from the Vedic to Buddhist tantric practice, Hindu Law pertaining to women and their rights, cosmological view of Śaṅkarācārya, Russian publications on the Indian epics, the relation between the Aryan and Finnish mythologies, the symbolism of the multiple-armed images

of Indian gods and goddesses, etc. In a way this special volume indicates the contributions made by The Theosophical Society in the field of Indology and in the revival of Eastern religions. The journal records 123 exchanges and 156 subscribers.

#### MANUSCRIPTS REGISTER:

Entries made during the year number 3,380. Another 3,000 entries are to be done to complete this work and it is hoped that this project will be completed by the end of next year.

#### SERVICES RENDERED:

Microfilms of 6 MSS. and 4 books and photostat copies of 4 books, 4 documents and of all the Āgama reference cards were supplied on request. The microfilming of the *New India* for the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library is progressing though due to the power cut only 33 volumes were completed. For the Theosophical Society Archives, photostat copies of 19 records and 5,511 frames of microfilms of books, diaries, etc., were supplied.

Transcripts in Devanagari of 15 MSS. were supplied to various scholars and research institutions on request.

*Works Used*: The library records 391 readers, 162 resident readers *cum* borrowers, 139 borrowers from the city and 24 Braille borrowers.

During the year under report 7,317 persons used the library; 19,426 books and 7,762 MSS. were consulted in the premises; 6,741 books and 7 MSS. were loaned out.

*Research Scholars*.—The library continues to attract research students both from India and abroad, not only for its valuable material but for the excellent facilities it provides in the way of a widely referenced card catalogue for books, besides microfilming and other

facilities. Mention may be made here of: Dr. W. J. H. Collins of Dublin University; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. G. Van der Burg, Sanskrit Lecturer, Utrecht University; Miss T. Juurikka, Research Asst., Institute of Comparative Religion, University of Helsinki; Mr. Noel King, University of California; Dr. Robert C. Lester, Fellow, Ford Foundation; I. Job. Thomas, University of Michigan; Dr. G. R. Welbon, University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Daniel Smith, Syracuse University, New York; Mr. Dale R. McCoy of California; Miss S. Vijayasri, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati; Miss Kanaka Rangaswami and Mrs. Vanaja Rangaswami, Delhi University; Miss C. Ramalakshmi, Andhra University; Miss C. S. Lakshmi of Tamil Nadu Council of Historical Research; Mr. Ravi Raj Broota; Miss Vasudha Rajagopalan, University of Bombay; and Mr. Y. N. Kashyap, Agra University, besides many from the Madras University.

During the year the library started a project of preparing detailed references for journals as for the books. Dr. G. N. Talwar, who does part time work for us, is now engaged in preparing such references for the *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, London. So far vols. for 1865-83 in the new series have been completed. Dr. Dorothy Rood continues the work of detailed references for *The Theosophist*. So far 39 volumes have been completed.

#### REPAIR AND PRESERVATION:

In order to speed up the binding of journals in the library, special binding assistants were employed for a period of five months, and 706 volumes of journals and 344 books were bound. Except the current numbers of journals, binding of all volumes in the journal section is now completed. 1,131 books were repaired and bound in the library's regular repair section. 27 books were laminated; one

book and 26 documents were laminated for the Archives.

#### ACQUISITION AND CATALOGUING:

*Books.*—Out of 1,711 books received during the year, 48 were purchased, 10 were exchanges, 16 review books and the rest were gifts. Our appreciation and thanks go to the following for their gifts of books: Ministry of Education and Social Welfare, New Delhi, 160; Mr. Peter Glasson, Australia, 250; Consulate of the GDR, 222; through the International President, Theosophical Society, 120; Olcott Library and Research Centre, 69 light fiction books; Mrs. Radha Burnier, 55; *The Theosophist* Office, Adyar, 35; Buddhist Publication Society, Sri Lanka, 32; Sri K. Ramaswamy Reddy, 29; Mr. Jayananda Hiranandani, 28; Mr. S. Narayan, 22; The Theosophical Society in America, 20; Mrs. S. Neelakantan, 18; Mr. J. T. Thadhani, 17; the Polish Theosophical Society, Chicago, 12. To all these and many others we offer our thanks.

As in the past our appreciative thanks are extended to the Theosophical Publishing Houses Adyar, London and Wheaton, for continuing to send all their new publications and reprints. We also thank Point Loma Publications, Inc., San Diego, U.S.A., for continuing to send their journal and publications in exchange.

During the year we entered into a similar arrangement with the Theosophical Press, Pasadena, U.S.A., so that in this centenary year of 1975 the Adyar Library under the management of the parent body of the Theosophical Society receives the publications of all theosophical movements in the world.

Our thanks are also offered to The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, Calif., U.S.A., for 52 Braille books.

*Book Cataloguing.*—As mentioned elsewhere the Librarian was able to devote

more time in the latter half of the year to the reclassification of books in the Eastern Section. As a result the books in the sections on science, astrology, astronomy and archeology were reclassified with detailed subject references.

#### DONATIONS:

The library records its thanks to: The Theosophical Society in Switzerland Rs. 901.00; The Theosophical Society in Canada \$ 81.00; Mr. Louise S. Ward \$ 100.00.

#### VISITORS:

As in the past the library continues to receive many visitors from India and abroad. Mention may be made here of: Mrs. Joan C. Lancaster, Director of

India Office Library and Records, London; Prof. Maria De Lourdes Lins, Professor, São Paulo, Brazil; G. Phostry, Dept. of Oriental MSS. and Books, British Museum Library, London; S. A. N. Alindh, Professor of Persian and Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Delhi; Dr. H. W. Bodewitz, Kern Institute, Leiden; and V. Chandra Chude, Judge, Supreme Court.

Concluding my report we wish to place on record our grateful thanks to Dr. V. Raghavan and Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja for their continued help in the research and publication section and to all others who continue to extend their help in various ways.

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,  
*Librarian.*

MEMORANDUM  
OF  
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled "An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860," that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



Station, Madras,  
*Dated 3rd April 1905.*

(Sd) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,  
*Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.*

# THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875, INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905.

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*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy  
and Governor-General of India in Council, being  
an Act for the registration of literary,  
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and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

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## MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by

gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follows:

## GENERAL COUNCIL

### *Ex-Officio*

*President-Founder*:—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

*Vice-President*:—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

*Recording Secretary*:—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

*Treasurer*:—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.



Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knos, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Masso, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

### *Additional*

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalvala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded **The Founders** The Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the **Income and property applied to promotion of objects** Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Asso-

ciation, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any members thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the **Members of General Council not answerable** General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said

trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present personally or by proxy

Witnesses to the signatures:

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY ..  
 „ ARTHUR RICHARDSON ..  
 „ PYARE LAL ..  
 „ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ..

at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . day of March 1905.

{ (Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT  
 „ W. A. ENGLISH  
 „ SUBRAMANIAM  
 { „ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE  
 „ UPENDRANATH BASU  
 „ ANNIE BESANT  
 „ N. D. KHANDALVALA

# RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. All members of the General Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society and not fewer than seven members of this Council shall be resident in India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not fewer than 5 and not more than

12 Additional Members, among whom all past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place. Other members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the

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General Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not fewer than five members.

4. (a) The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of the Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and a meeting shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

(b) Whenever, at any time or place, a Convention or other function of the Society shall bring together a number of members of the General Council the President at his discretion may call such members to a meeting for the purpose of study and discussion of any matters concerning the Society that he considers appropriate to lay before them. The meeting may then forward to the President its report on such matters and may make recommendations thereon. Such meetings shall be of a consultative nature without administrative or legislative authority.

In the event the President does not himself attend such a meeting he may appoint the Vice-President or some other member of the General Council to preside in his stead.

The President or his Deputy shall give not less than thirty days' notice of such meeting to all members of the General Council who may be expected to be present at the function that provides oc-

casional for the meeting, but all members of the Council shall have the right to attend.

5. (a) On the request of any member of the General Council any resolution or other item of business proposed by such member shall be placed on the Agenda, and circulated with brief supporting statements, for consideration at the next meeting of the General Council, provided that not less than six months' notice of such resolution or item of business shall be given to the Recording Secretary.

(b) At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

*Note:* Meetings include adjourned meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of the Society shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman

from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years from the date of assuming office.

10. Seven months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Executive Committee shall ensure that the Recording Secretary or other person appointed by the Committee calls for nominations for the office of President from the members of the General Council by air-mail and at the same time by ordinary mail. Any member of the Society in good standing may be nominated. Each member of the General Council shall be entitled to make three nominations, but each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary, Federation Secretary or Organizing Secretary, shall consult his Governing Body before making nominations. The written consent of the member nominated shall be necessary for the validity of the nomination. It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to see that his nominations, and also the written consent of the nominees, reach the Recording Secretary within three months of the date of the call for nominations. No nominee shall be put on the voting list unless supported by at least five nominations.

At the expiration of three months, the Recording Secretary shall place all the nominations received, together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting especially convened for the purpose. At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations. The names of the nominees qualified to be on the voting list shall be listed in alphabetical order. This list shall be the voting list and shall not be subject to challenge.

The Recording Secretary shall then immediately communicate by air-mail (and at the same time by ordinary mail) the voting list, together with the names of the nominators of the respective candidates to the General Secretaries, Federation Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries and Presidential Agents and to the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters. Each General Secretary, Federation Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Presidential Agent shall make known the names of the candidates and their respective nominators to the members in his area and take the votes of the individual members on the rolls of his National Society or area of administration at the close of the last official year of the Section or area who have been members of the Society in good standing for at least one year immediately prior to the close of the said official year and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary who shall himself take the votes of the members of the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters at the close of the last official year of the Society, who have been members of the Society in good standing for at least one year immediately prior to the close of the said official year. If only one name remains on the voting list, the subsequent vote shall be taken on a "For" or "Against" ballot.

At the expiration of three months from the date of issue of the voting list by the Recording Secretary, the voting returns shall be totalled by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The Candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected President and he shall assume office thirty days thereafter. In the event of a tie, or of the rejection of a single candidate in a "For" or "Against" ballot, or of a candidate on the voting list dying or being so seriously incapacitated

as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, after the despatch of the voting list and before the final totalling of votes by the Recording Secretary, the nomination and election procedure shall be repeated, and the President in office or the Vice-President if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President assumes office.

\* *Note:* A member is in good standing if his dues to the International Society have been paid for the last official year.

11. (a) Within three months of assuming office the President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council. His term of office shall be at the discretion of the President but when the Vice-President has been three years in office that office shall become vacant by the passage of time and the President, within three months, shall again make a nomination and submit it to the General Council. Notwithstanding this provision the Vice-President shall remain in office and his term shall continue until a successor has been nominated and confirmed. The Vice-President in office may be renominated. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of the Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President,

the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall be reported to the Executive Committee for consideration at its next following meeting, and shall become valid if approved by a majority of votes of the whole number at the said meeting, the newly appointed officials not being present nor counting as members of the Executive Committee for purposes of such votes. The Executive Committee may remove any of these appointees, by a vote of three-fourths of the whole number of its members. In this event, the President shall make a new appointment.

13. The Treasurer, Recording Secretary and subordinate officials being assistants to the President in his capacity as executive officer of the General Council, the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee to such offices.

14. The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by co-optation.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other



business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not fewer than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of the Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of the Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Recording Secretary, the receipt of any of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of The Society shall be deposited in the State Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Execu-

tive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by any two of the following, the President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and any other persons appointed by the President for the purpose under Rule 12.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of the Society beyond India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of the Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of the Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of the Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscriptions, donations, legacies, moneys and other property, movable or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to sub-delegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages on such property.



(c) The Adyar Estate of the Society in Madras including the Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at anytime be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of the Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21 (c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of the Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may

appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

*Note:* The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Recording Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Recording Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Recording Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

#### HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of the Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion or premises in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period.

ORGANIZATION

28. Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of eighteen shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian, and shall have no right to vote until they have reached the age of eighteen years.

29. (a) Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge (Branch), the General Secretary of a National Society, or through the Recording Secretary; and a Diploma (Certificate) of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Recording Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Recording Secretary.

(b) The date of membership will begin:

(i) When admission has been made through the General Secretary, Federation Secretary, Organizing Secretary, or Presidential Agent from the date of acceptance by the General Secretary, Federation Secretary, Organizing Secretary or Presidential Agent, as entered by him and duly reported to the Recording Secretary at Adyar.

(ii) When admission has been made through the Recording Secretary, from the date of acceptance of the application by him, and so recorded in his office.

30. Lodges (Branches) and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge (Branch), residing within the territory of a National Society, shall normally belong to that

National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the consent of the General Secretaries concerned a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society, but he shall not be allowed to cast more than one vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society.

When a National Society under its own rules provides for Life Membership in that National Society, such Life Membership shall no longer be effective where a Member resides in the territory of or transfers his membership to another National Society, unless the specific approval of the General Secretaries concerned has been granted.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the

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President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge (Branch), for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge (Branch) may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible.

Before any Lodge (Branch) shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge (Branch) belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge (Branch) vote in favor thereof.

(d) In the event of any undue delay in the transmission of any application under any of the foregoing provisions of

this Rule, a correct copy of such application (duly signed or otherwise authenticated) may be transmitted directly to the President by the Fellow or Lodge (Branch) concerned, and the President may act on such copy if in his absolute discretion it appears to him to be fit or proper that he should so act. Any action so taken by the President shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if it had been taken on the original application submitted for transmission to the President. The Fellow or Lodge (Branch), when forwarding such copy to the President directly, shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission.

32. Lodges (Branches) or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas (Certificates) directly to the Recording Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge (Branch). In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Recording Secretary.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Recording Secretary, and the Seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

35. (a) A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches).

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(b) Upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) in areas which are territorially adjacent and in which there are not sufficient Lodges (Branches) for each national group to form a National Society, the President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a Charter constituting such Lodges (Branches) into a Section. The Charter shall confer the same powers as one issued to a National Society. In all respects the rules applying to National Societies shall apply to any group of Lodges (Branches) holding a Charter under this rule.

(c) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a certificate of Federation to any national or territorially adjacent group of Lodges (Branches) not sufficient in number or otherwise unable to form or to maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in his judgment territorial division or other causes have made such Federation necessary or desirable. Any such Federation may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of Federation business.

A Federation shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Federations and to their chief executives.

(d) The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Agents to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business

and administration of the Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Agent shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

36. All Charters of National Societies or Lodges (Branches) and all Diplomas (Certificates) of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below 49, the Recording Secretary shall report that fact to the General Council. If during the following three years the membership of the National Society remains below 49, the General Council shall then call upon the President to withdraw its Charter.

37. Each Lodge (Branch) and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge (Branch) belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges (Branches) and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge (Branch) belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not situated within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31 (c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgment of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge (Branch) which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge (Branch) shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

38. Every National Society must appoint a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of "The . . . Section of The T.S." before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

## FINANCE

41. (a) The fees payable to the General Treasury by Lodges (Branches) not comprised within the limits of any National Society are as follows: for Charter, Rs. 18.00; for each Diploma (Certificate) of Membership, Rs. 4.50; for the Annual Subscription of each Fellow, Rs. 4.50; and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, Federation or Presidential Agency for Charter Rs. 18.00, when printed at Adyar, or supplied from Adyar Headquarters. The President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall together have the power to fix or vary such fees and charges and the Recording Secretary shall inform the General Council of any changes within three months of their being made. The Annual Subscription of each Fellow shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society within which the Lodge exists; or equivalents.

(b) New members joining otherwise than at the beginning of the year shall at the time of admission pay their Annual Subscription pro rata for the remaining period of the fiscal year at the rate of Rs. 1.13 per quarter or as fixed by the President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

42. Fellows-at-large, resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31 (a) shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the by-laws or other regulations of such National Society, but not less than the fee and subscription fixed for a Fellow-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of a National Society, shall pay

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to the General Treasury an Entrance Fee of Rs. 4.50 and an Annual Subscription of Rs. 18.00. The President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall together have the power to fix or vary these fees, and the Recording Secretary shall inform the General Council of any changes within three months of their being made.

43. (a) Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury fifteen per cent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of March of the current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on 31st March.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41 (a) and Rule 42, Presidential Agents; dues the President at his discretion may authorize Presidential Agents to collect dues in territories to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43 (a).

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge (Branch), the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge (Branch), granted by the President, shall *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas (Certificates), Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge (Branch) shall vest as follows:

(a) in the Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) coming under Rule

31 (c) (except where the law of the

country where the National Society or Lodge (Branch) is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided), and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge (Branch) is situated, in the case of a Lodge (Branch) within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge (Branch) not coming under Rule 31 (c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge (Branch) whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of the Society except for the purpose of vesting in the Society or in the National Society as the case may be the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge (Branch).

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge (Branch), as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges (Branches) being not fewer than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of the Society.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in the Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge (Branch) whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which the Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee



for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society.

45. The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

#### MEETING

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held in India in the month of December, at such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year. Lodges (Branches) desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in March of the current year, with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. At least once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held out of India, at a

place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Society at his discretion.

#### REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. The General Council may frame by-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such by-laws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

# DIRECTORY

AT

1 JANUARY, 1976

## *Ex-Officio Members of General Council*

**President:** MR. JOHN B. S. COATS

**Vice-President:** MISS JOY MILLS

**Recording Secretary:** DR. (MRS.) JEAN RAYMOND

**Treasurer:** MR. C. R. N. SWAMY

## National Societies, Federations and Presidential Agencies

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1886	United States	... Mrs. Dora Kunz	... P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois 60187
1888	England	... Miss Ianthe H. Hoskins	... 50, Gloucester Place, London, WIH 3HJ
1891	India	... Mrs. Radha Burnier	... The Theosophical Society, Varanasi 221001
1895	Australia	... Mrs. Elaine Murdoch	... Fourth Floor, 121 Walker Street, North Sydney, N.S.W., 2060
1895	Sweden	... Mr. Curt Berg	... The Theosophical Society, Nybrogatan 24, S-114 39 Stockholm
1896	New Zealand	... Mr. W. E. B. Dunningham	... 10, Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland, 3
1897	The Netherlands	... Drs. H. M. Brandt	... Meentweg 11, Naarden, N.H.
1899	France	... Mr. S. Lancri	... 4, Square Rapp, 75007 Paris
1902	Italy	... Sgr. Edoardo Bratina	... 34131 Trieste, Corso Umberto Saba N. 6
1902	Germany	... Herr Siegfried Kuska	... 4460 Nordhorn, Weg zum Resum I A
1905	Cuba	... Sr. Juan Bautista Rodriguez Oliva	... P.O. Box 6365, Havana
1907	Hungary	...	...
1907	Finland	... Miss Sirkka Kivilinna	... Vironkatu 7c2, 00170, Helsinki 17
1908	Russia	...	...
1909	Czechoslovakia	...	...
1909	Southern Africa	... Mrs. A. M. G. Bischoff	... P.O. Box 863, Johannesburg, South Africa
1910	Scotland	... Mr. James G. Mitchell	... 15, Bingham Cres., Miltimber, Aberdeen AB1 0HP
1910	Switzerland	... Mr. G. Tripet	... Av. Dumas 29, 1206, Geneva
1911	Belgium	... Mme. Berthe Nyssens	... 51, Rue du Commerce, 1040 Bruxelles
1912	Indonesia*	... Mr. R. S. Soejatno	... Djalan Tawakkal, IX/3, Grogol, Djakarta
1912	Burma	... U Kyaw Sein	... No. 102, 49th Street, East Rangoon
1912	Austria	... Dr. Norbert Lauppert	... Kaiserfeldgasse 19, Postfach 655, A-8011 Graz
1913	Norway	... Mrs. Hilda Fraser	... Gabels Gate 45 B, Oslo 2
1918	Egypt	...	...
1918	Denmark	... Mr. Preben Sørensen	... "Anandagaarden," Staarup, DK-4500 Nykobing S

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1919	Ireland	... Miss Dorothy Emerson	... Alexandra Guild House, 30 Leinster Road West, Dublin 6
1919	Mexico	... Sra. Juana de Suarez del Real	... Ignacio Mariscal 126, Mexico 1, D.F.
1919	Canada	... Mr. T. G. Davy	... Box 5051, Postal Station "A," Toronto 1, Ont. MSW 1N 4
1920	Argentina	... Señor Juan Viñas	... Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires
1920	Chile	... Sra. Raquel Escobedo de Modrow	... Casilla 538, Limache
1920	Brazil	... Dr. Murillo Nunes de Azevedo	... Rua Imperatriz Leopoldina, 8, 17º andar, Rio de Janeiro 20000
1920	Bulgaria	...	...
1921	Iceland	... Mr. Karl Sigurdsson	... Ingolfsstraeti 22, Reykjavik
1921	Spain	...	...
1921	Portugal	... Dr. (Mrs.) Maria Nobre Santos	... Campo Mártires da Pátria 69, Lisbon 1
1922	Wales	... Mr. Charles E. M. James	... 206 Newport Rd., Cardiff CF2 1DL
1923	Poland	...	...
1925	Uruguay	... Sr. Justo V. de la Vega	... J. Barrios Amorin 1085 St., Montevideo
1925	Puerto Rico	... Sr. Aramis Lopez Tirado	... Calle Isaura Arnau 1149, Country Club, Rio Piedras 00924
1925	Rumania	...	...
1925	Yugoslavia	... Mrs. Mila Grubacevic	... Lino Mariani, 17, Pula 5200
1926	Sri Lanka	... Mr. T. R. Rustomjee	... 49 Peterson Lane, Colombo 6
1928	Greece	... Mr. C. Melissaropoulos	... Dragatsaniou str. 6, Athens 122
1929	Central America	... Srta. Pilar Madrigal Nieto	... Apartado 1911, San José, Costa Rica
1929	Paraguay	...	...
1929	Peru	...	...
1933	Philippines	... Mrs. Cleo Z. Gregorio	... Corner Iba and P. Florentino Sts., Quezon City
1937	Colombia	... Sra. Julia B. de Martinez	... Carrera 6a, No. 56-40, Bogotá
1947	East Africa	... Mr. H. M. Chhaya	... P.O. Box 48507, Nairobi, Kenya
1948	Pakistan*	... Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	... "Q" House, 2nd Floor, 2' Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi-4
1948	Malaysia*	... Mr. S. Narayanan	... 12, Lorong Damansarah Endah, Kuala Lumpur
1949	Northern Ireland†	... Mr. Antonio Rodriguez	... Gateway House, 242 Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 2AR, United Kingdom
1950	Israel	...	...
1951	Japan	...	...
1952	Viet-Nam	...	...
1953	Venezuela*	... Señor Pablo Bonilla T.	... Apartado 2907, Caracas
1956	West Africa†	... Mr. Isaac K. Zaney	... P.O. Box 720, Accra, Ghana
1965	Bolivia*	... Sra. Elvira Cabrera de Sanabria	... Casilla 1073, Cochabamba

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European Federation	... Mrs. M. Leslie-Smith	... 2, Tekels Park, Camberley GU15 2LF, Surrey, England
(of National Societies in Europe, formed 1903)		
Canadian Federation	... Mrs. Ida Frances Stephen	... 2050 Cypress St., Vancouver 9, B.C., Canada
(attached to Headquarters, Adyar, 1924)		
Inter-American Federation	... Sr. Luis Spairani	... Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires, Argentina
World Federation of Young Theosophists	... Mr. Charles Chesrow	... 2820 Telegraph Rd., Deerfield, Ill. 60015, U.S.A.

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† Federation } General Council.

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- MR. K. N. RAMANATHAN, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600020, India (for 1976, 1977 and 1978).
- DR. HUGH SHEARMAN, 36, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT 14 6 JY, United Kingdom (for 1975, 1976 and 1977).
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- MR. LUIS SPAIRANI, Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires, Argentina (for 1975, 1976 and 1977).
- MR. C. R. N. SWAMY, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600020, India (for 1975, 1976 and 1977).
- MRS. ANN WYLIE, P. O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois 60187, U. S. A. (for 1974, 1975 and 1976).

## SUMMARY

*Of the Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, New York, on 14th, 16th and 19th November 1975.*

### PRESENT

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| Mr. John B. S. Coats          | .. President (Chairman), and Proxy for the General Secretary, Theosophical Society in Italy.   |
| Miss Joy Mills                | .. Vice-President and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in New Zealand, Germany, Central America and Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, Additional Member.                             |
| Dr. Jean Raymond              | .. Recording Secretary.  |
| Mr. C. R. N. Swamy            | .. Treasurer.  |
| Mrs. Dora Kunz                | .. General Secretary, Theosophical Society in America.   |
| Miss Ianthe H. Hoskins        | .. General Secretary, Theosophical Society in England and Proxy for the General Secretary, Theosophical Society in France and Mr. V. Wallace Slater, Additional Member. (Absent 14th November 1975). |
| Mrs. Radha Burnier            | .. General Secretary, Theosophical Society in India and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Sweden and Finland, and Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith, Additional Member.            |
| Drs. H. M. Brandt             | .. General Secretary, Theosophical Society in the Netherlands and Proxy for the General Secretary, Theosophical Society in Switzerland. (Absent 14th November 1975).                                 |
| Mrs. Berthe Nyssens           | .. General Secretary, Theosophical Society in Belgium. (Absent 14th November 1975).  |
| Mrs. Juana de Suarez del Real | .. General Secretary, Theosophical Society in Mexico.  |
| Mr. T. G. Davy                | .. General Secretary, Theosophical Society in Canada.  |
| Dr. (Mrs.) Maria Nobre Santos | .. General Secretary, Theosophical Society in Portugal. (Absent 14th November 1975).   |
| Mr. C. E. M. James            | .. General Secretary, Theosophical Society in Wales. (Absent 14th November 1975).  |

Mr. Aramis Lopez Tirado	.. General Secretary, Theosophical Society in Puerto Rico.
Mrs. Mila Grubacevic	.. General Secretary, Theosophical Society in Yugoslavia.
Mrs. Cleo Z. Gregorio	.. General Secretary, Theosophical Society in the Philippines.
Mrs. Julia B. de Martinez	.. General Secretary, Theosophical Society in Colombia.
Mr. H. M. Chhaya	.. General Secretary, Theosophical Society in East and Central Africa. (Absent 14th November 1975).
Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale	.. Additional Member.
Mr. Luis Spairani	.. Additional Member, and Proxy for the General Secretary, Theosophical Society in Argentina.
Mr. James S. Perkins	.. Additional Member.
Mrs. Ann Wylie	.. Additional Member.
Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith	.. Observer (Chairman, European Federation) (Absent 14th November 1975).
Mrs. Ida Stephen	.. Observer (Federation Secretary, Canadian Federation). (Absent 14th and 16th November 1975).
Mr. F. C. Whittle	.. Observer (Australia) (Absent 14th November 1975).
Miss Cecilia Pollard	.. Observer (New Zealand).
Mrs. Hermine Sabatey	.. Observer (France) (Absent 14th November 1975).
Mrs. Anneliese Stephan	.. Observer (Germany) (Absent 14th November 1975).
Mrs. Nora Spairani	.. Observer (Argentina).
Miss Carmen Penteado Piza	.. Observer (Brazil).
Mrs. Ana R. G. de Kandler	.. Observer (Central America) (Absent 16th November 1975).
Mr. John C. Kern	.. (by Invitation) } during the discussion on the
Mr. Paul T. Williams	.. (by Invitation) } Kern Foundation, 19.11.1975.

*Adoption of the Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council held at Varanasi on 25 and 31 December 1974 and 1 January 1975.*

The Minutes of the Meetings held at Varanasi on 25th and 31st December 1974 and 1st January 1975 were adopted with the following addition to item 10: "The Treasurer's Report was adopted and the Accounts for the six months ending 31 March 1975 were passed."

*Committee to study structures and procedures of the Theosophical Society:*

The Vice-President reported that although letters had gone out to all the members of the Committee there had been little response due to pre-occupation with the Centenary celebrations. It was resolved to re-appoint the members of the Committee as follows: Mr. John Coats, President (Chairman), Miss Joy Mills, Vice-President (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith, Mr. Luis Spairani, Mrs. Radha Burnier, Mrs. Elaine Murdoch, and Mr. A. B. Patel.



*History Book:*

As Dr. Hugh Shearman had been unable to complete the History Book in time for the Centenary, Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith had been asked to write a small booklet on the history of the Society which was under printing at the Vasanta Press, Adyar. It was resolved to suspend printing operations until a preface could be added to the booklet explaining that the views expressed were those of the author and not necessarily the official view of the Theosophical Society.

*Judiciary Committee:*

The President was awaiting a report from Mr. A. B. Patel on the correlation of the Memoranda and Rules of the various Sections with the International Rules. Following receipt of this, the Judiciary Committee would be appointed by the Executive Committee. It was recommended that this Committee be a standing committee which would be available to review constitutional questions within the Society.

*Lands in Sind:*

It was reported that the lands had been taken over by the Pakistan Government and subdivided among tenants. As there appears to be no possibility of the Society reclaiming the lands or receiving compensation it was resolved to write the lands off.

*Kotagiri Properties:*

It was reported that a down payment had been made on the purchase of High Cliff, a bungalow owned by Miss Gladys Taylor adjacent to the two bungalows already owned by the Society, Gulistan and Rose Windows. Miss Taylor's own house Sheltwood, which is adjacent to the other three, will come to the Society on her passing. Mrs. Winifred McAlpin had been appointed as Manageress of the properties and was on her way from England to take up duties. It is planned to hold a seminar at Kotagiri in the summer of 1976.

*Non-English Publications Loan Fund:*

Miss Mills reported that only one grant had been given during the year—to Pakistan for the Urdu translation of *The Key to Theosophy: an Abridgement*. It was agreed that a long-range programme be drawn up by the Fund Committee with a list of recommended books for translation to guide the Sections. It was resolved to appoint Mr. Michael Maxwell, Manager of the T. P. H., London, as a member of the Committee to replace Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith.

*Theosophical Magazines:*

The President reported that the layout of *The Theosophist* had been changed and it had been well received. He also reported that it had not been possible to proceed further with a proposal to bring out the two other magazines previously envisaged (1) a magazine to appeal to the intelligent public interested in occultism and (2) a magazine for the younger generation. With regard to the latter he was hopeful that in the coming year it would be possible to launch such a magazine which would be brought out by the International Youth Centre and there would be no financial burden on the Theosophical Society as private funds would finance it. A number of the members of the Council agreed in principle with the idea of a magazine for youth. However it was considered

that the Council should be kept informed of the plans and the persons involved and that it was extremely important that the right type of person should be chosen as editor for the magazine. It was agreed that *The Theosophist* should be given a wider appeal and an attempt be made to make it self-supporting.

*Damodar Gardens—Besant Theosophical High School:*

Shrimati Rukmini Devi reported that the B.C.T. had not been able to remove the School from Damodar Gardens because the land to which it was to be moved had been under threat of acquisition by the Tamil Nadu Government. However she stated that the Government was now prepared to release a portion of the land for this purpose and it was expected that building for the School would commence early in 1976.

It was resolved to leave the decision on utilization of Damodar Gardens following removal of Besant School to the Executive Committee.

*Olcott Memorial School:*

The President reported that the entire School is now functioning in Besant Gardens. Although it was agreed in principle that the Correspondent of the School should normally be someone with a good background knowledge of theosophical educational principles, the President reported that the present Correspondent, although a recent member, was doing a good job and he had not felt that it was necessary to make a change.

It was also reported that the Olcott Kuppam Elementary School would be closed at the end of the current academic year and its students absorbed into the Olcott Memorial Elementary School. The building in the Olcott Kuppam Village would be used for the benefit of the community through social activities.

*Aid to Employees:*

The President reported that the Child Welfare Centre and Consumer Stores had assisted the employees to some measure during the period of considerable inflation in 1975. No further increase in the employees' salaries had been effected in the past year aside from the normal increments to which they were entitled. It was agreed that with rising establishment costs consideration should be given to the use of more labour saving machinery, and a balance should be found between the labour intensive and labour saving methods, suitable to the Society's policies and finances.

*Houses along sea front of Adyar Estate:*

It was reported that two of these houses had been started.

*Shelter in Besant Scout and Children's Camping Centre:*

This is now completed and would be used during the Centenary Convention.

*Preparations for Adyar Centenary Convention:*

It was reported that much building and renovation work had been carried out during 1975 on the Adyar Estate. About 2,500 delegates were expected to attend.

*Institute of Theosophical Studies:*

The Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, had circulated a letter to Council members detailing the proposals for this project which is now to be called the International Centre for Theosophical Studies. It will work in association with other groups for theosophical

study and research around the world. Initially programmes will be conducted from October to February annually, and eventually the Centre may become active throughout the year. It was suggested that the various Sections start a scholarship fund to be used to send the most promising students to the Centre. Eventually it is hoped that the Centre will be housed in a specially build complex in Besant Gardens.

*Adyar Archives:*

Work is now proceeding steadily in the Archives. It was agreed that a possibility be explored of exchanging archival material with other branches of the Theosophical Movement. Also to make known to the Sections and to individual members that the Archives would like to obtain interesting material from the past or the present. The President called for suggestions as to how material in the Archives could be safeguarded from indiscriminate use by researchers.

*Management Studies of Headquarters Departments:*

These studies are still incomplete.

*Accommodation rates at hostels at Adyar:*

In spite of the recommendations of the previous General Council meeting in Varanasi, accommodation rates for the hostels at Adyar had not yet been changed because this was related to completion of the management studies.

*Shrines at Adyar:*

The President reported that a considerable sum had been collected, mostly from the Sikh community, for a Sikh temple at Adyar, and plans had been drawn up. Further the Jain community in Madras expressed an interest in contributing towards the construction of a Jain temple. It was the view of the Council members present that there should be no further proliferation of religious shrines on the estate. However, as the President expressed the opinion that a commitment had already been given to the Sikh and Jain communities, it was resolved that after these commitments had been fulfilled no further individual shrines should be constructed. A consideration should be given to the creation of a meditation or quiet room which can be used by those who are not members of the Esoteric School.

It was decided that although the prayers of all the religions may continue to be recited at international gatherings of the Society no member should feel obliged to attend and the prayers should be kept short. It was reported that the number of times the prayers were recited during the Conventions was being reduced.

*International Youth Centre:*

The opinion was expressed that the Executive Committee had overstepped its authority in setting up the International Youth Centre proposed by the President without the prior knowledge of the General Council, as the Youth Centre was intended to be a international body and concerned the Society as a whole. The President explained the purpose in setting up the Centre as a liaison between younger members of the T.S. in various countries and between the T.S. and young people in general. He hoped that it would serve to break down barriers which the World Federation of Young Theosophists had failed to do. The discussion on the matter was postponed to the Adyar meetings in December.

*Kern Foundation:*

Mr. John Kern, Advising Trustee, and Mr. Paul Williams, Vice-President of the Northern Trust Company which manages the Kern Foundation, reported on the aims and activities of the Foundation in relation to the Theosophical work in America. Mr. Williams congratulated the T.S. in America for the fine co-operation given and the management of the funds allocated to it.

*Proposal that the Theosophical Society apply to the United Nations at New York for consultative status, Category 'B', with the Economic and Social Council.*

Mr. James Perkins reported on a previous attempt of the T.S. to obtain consultative status during Mr. Jinarājadāsa's Presidency. The application had been rejected because the Society maintains a policy of non-commitment on all issues. It was agreed that it would be of value for the T. S. to have consultative status and that suggestions should be called for regarding a method of bringing this about.

## SUMMARY

*Of the Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held at Adyar on 19th, 23rd and 30th December 1975.*

### PRESENT

Mr. John B. S. Coats	.. President (in the Chair), and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Italy.
Miss Joy Mills	.. Vice-President, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in New Zealand, Germany, and Central America and Mr. G. Hodson, Additional Member.
Dr. Jean Raymond	.. Recording Secretary.
Mr. C. R. N. Swamy	.. Treasurer.
Mrs. Dora Kunz	.. General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in America. (Absent 19th December 1975).
Miss Ianthe Hoskins	.. General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in England and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in France and for Mr. V. Wallace Slater, Additional Member.
Mrs. Radha Burnier	.. General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in India, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Belgium and Argentina and for Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith, Additional Member.
Mrs. Elaine Murdoch	.. General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Australia.
Drs. H. M. Brandt	.. General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in the Netherlands and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Switzerland. (Absent 19th December 1975).
Mr. S. Kuska	.. General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Germany (Absent 19th December 1975).
Mr. Curt Berg	.. General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Sweden.
Miss Sirkka Kivilinna	.. General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Finland.
Mr. Preben Sorensen	.. General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Denmark.
Mrs. Juana de Suarez del Real	.. General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Mexico. (Absent 19th and 30th December 1975)

Dr. Murillo Nunes de Azevedo	..	<i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Brazil.</i>
Mrs. Mila Grubacevic	..	<i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Yugoslavia. (Absent 19th and 30th December 1975).</i>
Mrs. Julia B. de Martinez	..	<i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Colombia. (Absent 23rd December 1975).</i>
Mr. H. M. Chhaya	..	<i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in East and Central Africa.</i>
Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	..	<i>Additional Member, Presidential Agent of the Theosophical Society in Pakistan.</i>
Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale	..	<i>Additional Member. (Absent 19th and 30th December 1975).</i>
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan	..	<i>Additional Member. (Absent 23rd December 1975).</i>
Mr. C. D. T. Shores	..	<i>Additional Member. (Absent 19th December 1975).</i>
Mr. R. S. Soejatno	..	<i>Observer (Presidential Agent of the Theosophical Society in Indonesia). (Absent 19th and 30th December 1975).</i>
Miss Cecelia Pollard	..	<i>Observer (New Zealand).</i>
Mr. W. Kleingeld	..	<i>Observer (Southern Africa) (Absent 23rd and 30th December 1975).</i>
Dr. Henriette van der Hecht	..	<i>Observer (Belgium). (Absent 30th December 1975).</i>
Mr. J. Fleischanderl	..	<i>Observer (Austria).</i>
Mrs. Dolores Gago de Fuente	..	<i>Observer (Chile). (Absent 30th December 1975).</i>
Mr. S. Torra Pala	..	<i>Observer (Spain). (Absent 23rd and 30th December 1975).</i>
Mr. H. Edgar	..	<i>Observer (Wales). (Absent 30th December 1975).</i>
Mr. M. Dobal	..	<i>Observer (Uruguay). (Absent 30th December 1975).</i>
Mr. S. Ballard	..	<i>Observer (Puerto Rico). (Absent 19th and 30th December 1975).</i>
Mr. J. C. Palmeri	..	<i>Observer (Peru). (Absent 19th and 30th December 1975).</i>

*Election of three Additional Members for the years 1976, 1977 and 1978.*

The voting was as follows:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
(a) Rukmini Devi Arundale	31	2	1	34
(b) Mr. K. N. Ramanathan	33	—	1	34
(c) Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith	31	—	3	34

The above names were declared duly elected Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1976, 1977 and 1978.



## THE REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

*Confirmation of voting on A. B. C. Fund Loan:*

"Resolved that sanction be given to the Theosophical Society to take a loan of up to Rs. 3,00,000 from the capital of the Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund during the year 1975, to be used for the preparations for the 100th International Convention at Adyar; the loan to be repaid as soon as practicable with interest at least equivalent to that which would have been earned had the amount remained invested."

The results of the voting were as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
27	1	Nil	28

The motion was adopted.

*Confirmation of voting on definition of "good standing":*

"A member is in good standing if his dues to the *International Society* have been paid for the year immediately prior to the close of the last official year." (*deletions in italics*).

The voting was as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
31	Nil	1	32

The motion was adopted.

*Damodar Gardens—Besant Theosophical High School:*

Shrimati Rukmini Devi reported on problems which had delayed the removal of the School but stated that the way now appeared to be clear for the construction of the new premises at Tiruvanmiyur early in 1976. However, as she could not speak on behalf of the Besant Centenary Trust, it was resolved to request the Trust to expedite the move so that Damodar Gardens would be made available for the use of the Society, if possible by June 1976, and not later than June 1977. It was also resolved that the Society's officers and Executive Committee ensure the Society's legal position with respect to the use and ownership of Damodar Gardens, in view of the expiry of the lease with the B.C.T. in June 1973.

*Presentation of Subba Rao Medal:*

It was resolved to refer to the Committee on Structures and Procedures the consideration of who has the authority to decide to whom the medal may be given.

*Century Fund:*

All National Societies and groups are to be asked to remit to Adyar any remaining portions of the International Century Fund which they may still be holding, before 31 March 1976.

*Powers of the Executive Committee:*

The Committee on Structures and Procedures is to be asked to consider the powers of the Executive Committee.

*Utilization of T.S. Headquarters Estate by other organizations:*

This question was raised specifically in relation to the Eastern Federation of the International Co-Freemasonic Order which has its registered office within the Theosophical Society's compound. It was thought that this may lead to a confusion of identity. However no resolution was passed on the matter.

*Old Olcott School premises:*

It was resolved not to sell or lease out the property for the time being but to retain it for the Society's own use. It was recommended that an attempt be made to develop some sort of social welfare activity on the premises.

*Estate Management—manpower versus mechanization:*

It was agreed that a middle path should be struck between labour intensive methods and the introduction of increased mechanization to improve efficiency. It was also resolved to investigate the possibility of starting a cottage industry to absorb any labour laid off by the introduction of machines.

*Judiciary Committee to consider National and International Rules and Regulations:*

The report of Mr. A. B. Patel is awaited on the compatibility of the rules of national societies with the international rules. Following this the Executive Committee will appoint the judiciary committee. It was resolved that this committee should be a standing committee available to consider constitutional questions on the national and international level.

*Perwathin (The Theosophical Society in Indonesia):*

Mr. R. S. Soejatno, President of Perwathin, has been appointed Presidential Agent for Indonesia. He reported that most members of Perwathin are also members of the Presidential Agency of the T.S. and there are no difficulties in carrying on the theosophical work from this aspect. Perwathin is able to hold property in Indonesia, being a national body.

*History Book:*

It was resolved that the script prepared for this small booklet be not published, but a long term project be undertaken of bringing out a comprehensive history of the Theosophical Movement with all its branches.

*Shrines at Adyar:*

The Council endorsed the resolution passed at the New York General Council meetings that no further individual religious shrines should be built on the Estate, after commitments already undertaken have been fulfilled.

*International Theosophical Youth Centre:*

The President put forward a proposal for the founding of an International Youth Centre at Adyar. It was resolved to approve the formation of the Youth Centre, but as the proposal had not been studied in detail, it was to be circulated to members of the Council for information and comment.

*Prayers of the Religions:*

The Council was divided on the desirability of preceding meetings of the Society with the prayers of the religions. However, it was agreed that no member should feel obliged to attend during the recitation, and that the prayers should be kept short.

*To consider obtaining consultative status for the Theosophical Society with the United Nations:*

It was resolved to make an investigation of the possibility and the pros and cons.

*To consider the use of the words "Branch" and "Lodge".*

It was resolved to recommend that the word "Branch" be used in preference to the word "Lodge" as the latter has several connotations.

*To consider a substitute for the term "Presidential Agent".*

The matter was referred to the Committee for Structures and Procedures.

*Proposal by the Indian Section that the International Convention be held periodically at Varanasi:*

The Council agreed to the Indian Section proposal that the International Conventions be held at least once in every five years at Varanasi instead of Adyar. However, it was resolved that the Convention in December 1976 be held at Adyar.

*Reports of the Task Force Groups of the New York Congress and Working Groups of the Adyar Convention:*

It was resolved that the reports of these groups be circulated to General Council members and their comments be correlated and considered at the next General Council meeting, in December 1976.

*Periodic communication from the Treasurer to National Treasurers:*

It was resolved that the International Treasurer sent out letters periodically to the National Treasurers through the Recording Secretary's Office explaining various aspects of the expenditure of the International Society.

*International and Local Finance Advisory Committees:*

It was resolved to appoint two finance advisory committees, one to deal with the International Funds and the other with the financial expenditure of the Headquarters Estate. The President, Vice-President and Treasurer are to be on both Committees *ex-officio*. In addition Mr. Curt Berg (Sweden) and Mr. John Sellon (U.S.A., if willing), with one further member from England and from Australia still to be appointed are to serve on the International Finance Advisory Committee. The appointees for the Local Advisory Committee were Mrs. Radha Burnier (Executive Committee Member), Mr. R. Nityananda, Management Consultant, Mr. C. Dandapani, Auditor, and Mr. K. Viswanathan, Plant Manager. These appointments are to be for one year.

*Appointment of Executive Committee for 1976:*

The following members were appointed:

President	}	<i>Ex-Officio</i>
Vice-President		
Recording Secretary		
Treasurer		
Mrs. Radha Burnier, General Council Member		
Mr. R. Gopalaratnam		
Mr. Jack Patterson		
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan, General Council Member		
Mrs. Norma Sastry		
Mr. C. Seshadri		

*Attendance at Executive Committee Meetings:*

Attendance at Executive Committee meetings January—December 1975 was as follows (total number of meetings 21):

President 19; Vice-President 12; Recording Secretary 21; Treasurer 21; Mrs. Radha Burnier 8; Mr. R. Gopalaratnam 21; Mr. J. Patterson 19; Mr. K. Sankara Menon 5; Mrs. Norma Sastry 21; Mr. C. Seshadri 21.

*Non-English Publications Loan Fund—activities for the year ending 30th September 1975:*

Miss Joy Mills, Vice-Chairman, reported that little activity had occurred during the preceding year, although a grant had been given to the Theosophical Society in Pakistan to print an Urdu translation of *The Key to Theosophy—an Abridgement*. It was recommended that at least one book by a major theosophical leader be printed in each language and that a list of suggested priorities be drawn up by the Committee as a guide to the various language groups.

It was resolved to appoint the Manager of the T.P.H., Wheaton, Mr. Clarence Pedersen, to the Committee.

*Accommodation rates on Adyar Estate:*

In view of the increased deficit in Leadbeater Chambers and Bhojanasala-Quadrangle Hostels and pending the completion of the Management Consultants' reports, it was resolved to increase the boarding & lodging rates for members and non-members by 25% from 1st January 1976. Workers' rates remained unchanged.

*Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 1975:*

These were received and adopted. The Council expressed concern at the great increase in the deficit for the year ending 31 March 1975. A vote of thanks was recorded to the Treasurer for his hard work.

*Budget for 1975-76:*

This was received and noted. It was not adopted as it was considered this would be of no value, the year having been almost completed.

*Budget for 1976-77:*

It was resolved to refer this to the Local Finance Advisory Committee for revision followed by approval by the Executive Committee. It is then to be circulated to the General Council members for adoption. It was resolved that the Treasurer should be bound by the budget and should not normally sanction payments if the budget is exceeded. However, the Executive Committee is empowered to sanction excess payment over and above the budget in emergencies, having considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

*Appointment of Auditors for 1976-77:*

The present Auditors, Messrs. N. A. Naganathan & Co., were reappointed on the same terms as in the previous year.

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# SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1975

National Sections (Active)	39
Presidential Agencies (Active) ..	5
Federations formed under Rule 35(c) ..	3
Total Lodges ..	1,227
Total Membership 1974 ..	32,998
Total Membership 1975 ..	34,357
Increase	1,359

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
1. United States of America ..	93	5,280
2. England ..	71	2,313
3. India ..	480	9,263
4. Australia ..	15	1,630
5. Sweden ..	9	335
6. New Zealand ..	18	1,360
7. The Netherlands ..	28	1,017
8. France ..	44	1,377
9. Italy ..	24	639
10. Germany ..	13	310
11. Cuba ..	19	413
12. Hungary ..	—	—
13. Finland ..	21	466
14. Russia ..	—	—
15. Czechoslovakia ..	—	—
16. Southern Africa ..	10	395
17. Scotland ..	4	98
18. Switzerland ..	8	240
19. Belgium ..	10	271
20. Indonesia* ..	21	761
21. Burma ..	6	80
22. Austria ..	4	241
23. Norway ..	8	138
24. Egypt ..	—	—
25. Denmark ..	15	355
26. Ireland ..	3	59 (1974)
27. Mexico ..	27	272 (1974)
28. Canada ..	13	312
29. Argentina ..	44	883
30. Chile ..	9	56
31. Brazil ..	36	1,319
32. Bulgaria ..	—	—
33. Iceland ..	13	611
34. Spain ..	—	—
35. Portugal ..	13	214
36. Wales ..	2	103
37. Poland ..	—	—

\* Presidential Agency.

† Federation

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
38. Uruguay ..	11	181
39. Puerto Rico ..	1	80
40. Rumania ..	—	—
41. Yugoslavia ..	4	89
42. Sri Lanka ..	8 (1974)	75
43. Greece ..	5	228
44. Central America ..	14	193
45. Paraguay ..	—	—
46. Peru (see below) ..	—	—
47. The Philippines ..	19	291
48. Colombia ..	9	138
49. East Africa ..	23	1,113
50. Pakistan* ..	2	170
51. Malaysia* ..	2 (1974)	60 (1974)
52. Northern Ireland† ..	3	38
53. Israel (see below) ..	—	—
54. Japan (see below) ..	—	—
55. Viet-Nam (No Report) ..	—	—
56. Venezuela* ..	3 (1974)	40 (1974)
57. West Africa† ..	11 (1973)	241 (1973)
58. Bolivia* ..	5 (1973)	38 (1973)
59. Canadian Federation† ..	10	152
60. Fellows-at-Large ..	—	126
61. Lodges attached directly to Adyar		
Chile ..	1	13 (1972)
Israel ..	6	102
Peru ..	5	80
Hong Kong ..	1	10 (1973)
Singapore ..	1	39
Japan ..	1	24
Bangladesh ..	1	25
Total	1,227	34,357

## Study Centres:

United States of America ..	57
England ..	21
India ..	25
Australia ..	1
Italy ..	3
Switzerland ..	2
Argentina ..	2
Brazil ..	6

DR. JEAN RAYMOND,  
Recording Secretary.





THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020, INDIA

*For the year ended 31st March 1975*

## A. B. C. FUND INVESTMENTS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Amount</i> Rs.
1.	3% Conversion Loan, 1946-1986 ..	261,200
2.	4½% Tamil Nadu Land Development Bank, Debentures, 1969-76 ..	100,000
3.	4½% Tamil Nadu Land Development Bank, Debentures, 1970-80 ..	15,000
4.	4½% Andhra Land Mortgage Bank, Debentures, 1971-76 ..	130,000
5.	4½% Andhra Land Mortgage Bank, Debentures, 1970-75 ..	20,000
6.	10% Central Bank of India, Deposit ..	100,000
7.	10% Bank of Baroda, Deposit ..	100,000
8.	10% Punjab National Bank, Deposit ..	250,000
9.	10% United Commercial Bank, Deposit ..	100,000
10.	10% Indian Bank, Deposit ..	630,000
11.	9% Indian Bank, Deposit ..	50,000
12.	10% Grindlays Bank, Deposit ..	200,000
13.	10% Bank of India, Deposit ..	90,000
14.	12 Years National Defence Certificates ..	10,000
15.	4% Canadian Pacific Railway Co. £ 3,000/- ..	63,000
16.	4½% Kenya Government Loan £ 500/- ..	10,500
		2,129,700

# FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1975

	1973-74 (From 1-10-1973 to 31-3-1974)	1974-75 (From 1-4-1974 to 31-3-1975)
	Rs.	Rs.
The Theosophical Society in Argentina	—	3,256.61
" Australia	8,479.30	9,622.11
" Austria	1,432.55	—
" Belgium	1,945.45	1,710.07
" Bolivia	187.20	—
" Brazil	—	7,961.80
" Canada	—	1,480.60
" Central America	700.80	2,460.75
" Ceylon	—	—
" Chile	—	—
" Colombia	312.00	279.75
" Cuba	—	—
" Denmark	—	515.86
" East Africa	—	1,183.55
" England	2,080.51	9,878.09
" Finland	2,451.53	2,843.96
" France	—	—
" Germany	1,665.00	919.95
" Iceland	—	1,142.37
" India	—	13,566.90
" Ireland	—	—
" Italy	—	2,046.00
" Malaysia	—	—
" Mexico	1,044.86	—
" Netherlands	—	—
" New Zealand	—	2,553.62
" Northern Ireland	27.08	26.09
" Norway	—	198.56
" Philippines	—	764.50
" Puerto Rico	318.60	406.98
" Scotland	—	—
" South Africa	2,080.85	2,068.68
" Sweden	—	—
" Switzerland	2,002.00	4,872.80
" Uruguay	—	154.80
" U. S. A.	—	37,211.41
" Venezuela	432.00	311.20
" Wales	—	353.90
" West Africa	—	930.00
" Yugoslavia	—	283.62
Canadian Federation	803.86	428.45
Lodges Attached to Adyar	1,335.08	3,231.85
Fellows-at-Large	745.88	2,421.88
Total	28,044.55	115,086.71

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS HALF YEAR ENDING 31-3-1974		Current Year Ending 31-3-1975	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
<b>Departmental Results:</b>				
Adyar Library ...	-42,148.43		-83,956.95	
Bhojanasala ...	- 2,552.78		- 22,044.52	
Consumer Stores ...	—		+ 665.89	
Garden Department ...	-13,009.38		-40,648.13	
Laundry Department ...	- 3,541.74		- 8,523.40	
Leadbeater Chambers ...	+ 1,673.97		-27,359.91	
Maintenance Department ...	-38,973.58		-84,776.61	
Theosophical Publishing House ...	+ 1,165.40		+62,246.33	
Vasanta Press ...	+ 685.56		+ 1,448.31	
		96,700.98		202,948.99
<b>Depreciation:</b>				
On Kotagiri Property ...	259.87		1,269.75	
On Immovable Property ...	22,561.72		59,009.17	
On Motor Vehicles ...	1,160.43		16,915.20	
On Movable Property ...	1,248.50		7,910.61	
		25,230.52		85,104.73
<b>Establishment and other Expenses:</b>				
Bad debts ...	79.75		194.95	
Boundary Expenses ...	10,234.85		28,499.15	
Convention 1974 ...	10,874.10		16,479.10	
Child Welfare Centre ...	—		12,533.78	
Dispensary ...	7,898.71		12,408.38	
Fire Insurance ...	374.76		1,167.30	
Gulistan Maintenance ...	1,420.58		2,255.30	
International Offices ...	12,344.27		24,952.46	
Legal and Audit Expenses ...	2,555.25		8,150.00	
Light & Water ...	6,526.94		5,016.43	
Miscellaneous ...	6,413.39		12,731.67	
Museum and Archives ...	621.86		4,544.74	
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ...	4,634.04		7,794.93	
Printing and Stationery ...	1,756.95		17,725.32	
Publications to General Secretaries ...	15.00		1,450.81	
Repairs and Renewals ...	24,672.55		202,955.74	
Retirement Allowances ...	3,914.31		12,132.63	
Salaries and Wages ...	30,290.93		54,483.04	
Sanitation ...	6,295.06		15,246.60	
Taxes ...	8,851.62		17,733.51	
Travelling & Conveyance ...	1,982.31		1,695.03	
Watch and Ward ...	24,272.63		60,264.35	
		166,029.86		520,415.22
<b>Gratuity allocation</b> ...		2,284.25		4,718.00
		290,245.61		813,186.94

ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020  
7th August, 1975.

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,  
C. R. N. SWAMY,  
Hony. Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.  
N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,  
(R. A. RAMAN, Partner),  
*Chartered Accountants.*



LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS HALF YEAR ENDING 31-3-1974		Current Year Ending 31-3-1975	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
<b>General Fund:</b>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	4,361,502.99		4,999,181.07	
Add: Receipts during the year:				
Bequests ...	3,627.00		90,178.22	
Donations ...	—		1,756.60	
Fees and Dues ...	28,044.55		115,086.71	
Increase in the value of Life Policy ...	—		201.00	
Surplus on disposal of lands during the year ...	669,491.89		—	
Surplus on disposal of Building and Lands during the year ...	—		53,286.97	
Value of Bonus Shares ...	—		2,259.77	
75th Anniversary Book ...	—		15.39	
	5,062,666.43		5,261,965.73	
Less: Transfers ...	—		2,000.00	
	5,062,666.43		5,259,965.73	
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	63,485.36		223,857.45	
		4,999,181.07		5,036,108.28
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund (b)		2,133,179.04		2,157,423.58
Century Fund (a) ...		420,601.86		276,622.35
Exchange Equalisation Fund ...		182,992.47		182,992.47
Other Funds: (See Notes below)				
(i) Of The Society: Interest bearing				
Miscellaneous Funds (a) ...	33,693.09		34,701.34	
Miscellaneous Funds (c) ...	401,260.83		404,867.20	
		434,953.92		439,568.54
(ii) Of The Society: Non-Interest bearing				
President's Travelling Fund ...	15,906.83		152.79	
Miscellaneous Funds ...	201,599.86		202,188.01	
		217,506.69		202,340.80
(iii) Of others: Interest bearing ...		73,073.92		98,155.81
(iv) Of others: Non-Interest bearing ...		11,230.28		13,162.22
C/o		8,472,719.25		8,406,374.05

## SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 31st MARCH 1975

ASSETS	PREVIOUS HALF YEAR ENDING 31-3-1974		Current Year Ending 31-3-1975	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Immovable Properties: At Cost	204,470.05		201,399.12	
Less: Land sold during the year ...	3,070.93		1,813.03	
		201,399.12		199,586.09
Lands at Urur (At Cost) ...		3,882.40		3,882.40
Lands in Sindh ...		10,000.00		10,000.00
Buildings at Adyar (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	1,626,435.33		1,722,922.82	
Additions ...	96,487.49		552,324.94	
	1,722,922.82		2,275,247.76	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	621,579.68		680,588.85	
		1,101,343.14		1,594,658.91
Buildings under Construction:				
Olcott School Building ...	144,523.07		—	
Vasanta Press Building Extension .	204,525.75		—	
Visitors' Lounge, Book Shop and New Gate ...	—		3,944.50	
Compound Wall under Con- struction ...	—		21,467.31	
Beach Side Houses ...	—		16,325.37	
Besant Scout Camping Centre Pavilion ...	—		12,849.85	
		349,048.82		54,587.03
"Gulistan", Kotagiri (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	20,790.72		20,790.72	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	9,185.16		9,704.91	
		11,605.56		11,085.81
"Rose Windows" Kotagiri (At Cost) ...		—	30,000.00	
Less: Depreciation ...			750.00	
				29,250.00
Movable Property at Adyar:				
Furniture & Fixtures: (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	108,046.03		115,456.90	
Additions ...	7,410.87		29,765.19	
	115,456.90		145,222.09	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	91,734.67		99,645.28	
	23,722.23		45,576.81	
Less: Disposals ...	—		750.00	
		23,722.23		44,826.81
Motor Cars (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	56,057.50		56,057.50	
Additions ...	—		74,432.08	
	56,057.50		130,489.58	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	45,613.62		62,528.82	
	10,443.88		67,960.76	
Less: Disposals ...	—		180.00	
		10,443.88		67,780.76
C/o		1,711,445.15		2,015,657.81

## BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS HALF YEAR ENDING 31-3-1974		Current Year Ending 31-3-1975	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f ...		8,472,719.25		8,406,374.05
<b>Adyar Library Funds and Reserves:</b>				
Building Fund Cash ...	602,478.70		602,478.70	
Immovable Property ...	36,500.00		35,500.00	
Miscellaneous Funds ...	8,819.87		10,479.87	
Gratuity Reserve ...	11,515.88		12,666.88	
		659,314.45		661,125.45
<b>T.P.H. Funds and Reserves:</b>				
Capital Fund ...	118,270.63		111,685.21	
Reserves and Surplus ...	330,979.71		357,059.59	
Creditors ...	195,035.31		208,219.78	
T.P.H. Investments ...	313,000.00		288,000.00	
		957,285.65		964,964.58
<b>Vasanta Press:</b>				
Machinery Dismantling & Assembling Reserve ...	5,790.58		4,966.42	
Retirement Allowance Reserve ...	22,753.18		12,825.14	
New Machinery Fund ...	—		774.00	
		28,543.76		18,565.56
<b>Gratuity Reserve</b> ...		152,746.42		156,526.35
<b>Reserves:</b>				
Casuarina Development ...		46,036.22		46,857.79
<b>Sundry Creditors:</b>				
For Departments ...	25,529.21		45,180.95	
For Others ...	187,403.99		497,950.65	
		212,933.20		543,131.69
<b>Sundry Deposits</b> ...		101,807.31		90,819.11
<b>Liabilities for Expenses</b> ...		3,132.80		4,000.00
<i>Note.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes.</i>				
<i>(b) Interest only available for general purposes.</i>				
<i>(c) Interest only available for specific purposes.</i>				
		10,634,519.06		10,892,364.49

ADYAR, MADRAS 6000 20  
11th August, 1975.

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY  
C. R. N. SWAMY,  
Hony. Treasurer.

## SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 31st MARCH 1975

ASSETS		PREVIOUS HALF YEAR ENDING 31-3-1974		Current Year Ending 31-3-1975	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f	...		1,711,445.15		2,015,657.81
Investments (At Cost)					
Government of India Loans	...	255,051.76		255,051.76	
State Government Loans	...	271,037.00		271,037.00	
Foreign Investments	...	369,223.48		369,452.14	
Surrender Value of Life Policy	...	25,548.00		25,749.00	
Miscellaneous Securities	...	69,584.69		69,654.69	
Fixed Deposits	...	4,640,895.00		4,282,400.00	
			5,631,339.93		5,273,344.59
Interest Accrued on Investments	...		100,228.64		119,496.91
Departmental Assets:					
(As valued and certified by the Management)					
Water Line Meter Installations	...	177.99		160.19	
Electrical Installations	...	39,319.53		54,671.59	
Telephone Installations	...	12,098.43		15,713.35	
Tools, Equipments, etc.	...	66,211.22		72,983.39	
Printing Machinery etc.	...	474,617.97		622,069.87	
Amounts Recoverable	...	11,408.93		37,150.93	
Standing Crops and Developments	...	2,681.15		2,681.15	
Stock on hand	...	237,769.95		284,702.88	
			844,285.17		1,090,133.35
Adyar Library Assets	...		1,085,303.96		1,046,512.42
T.P.H. Assets:					
Assets	...	513,749.26		677,445.21	
Investments	...	313,300.00		288,300.00	
Cash and Bank Balances	...	79,120.44		35,349.75	
			906,169.70		1,001,094.96
Sundry Assets	...		1,318.96		3,370.35
Loans and Advances	...		165,954.00		112,856.61
Outstanding Income:					
Subscriptions	...		1,654.61		2,028.61
Security Deposit	...		4,390.00		1,690.00
Sundry Debtors:					
(Considered good by Management)			93,450.64		149,612.70
Prepaid Expenses	...		1,916.59		1,387.74
Cash:					
In Madras Banks on Current Account	...	58,681.97		50,214.09	
In London Bank Account	...	11,239.89		11,333.13	
On hand	...	17,139.85		13,631.22	
			87,061.71		75,178.44
			10,634,519.06		10,892,364.49

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